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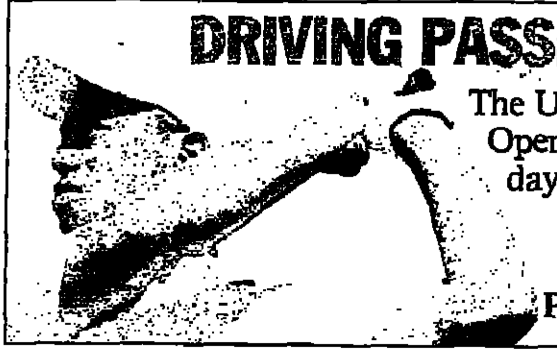

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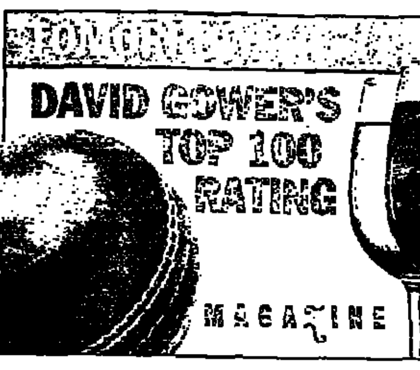

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Bank's final building block in place

Brown vows to break stop-go cycle

By Philip Webster, political editor

Brown: "open letter" policy on inflation

A PERIOD of consistently low inflation to break out of the stop-go economic cycle of the past was promised by Gordon Brown last night, in an acknowledgement that interest rates might have to rise further.

The Chancellor, delivering his first Mansion House speech, explained how he intended to hold the Bank of England to account month-by-month to ensure that his target of 2.5 per cent inflation was observed.

The "final building block" of his monetary policy reform was to require Eddie George, the Bank Governor, to write an open letter of explanation whenever inflation misses the target by 1 per cent either way. He will have to say what he and the new monetary policy committee are doing to deal with the "miss", and when they expect the rate to get back on target. If it is still out of line after three months, the Governor will have to write to the Chancellor again.

Although the Chancellor has given the Bank operational responsibility for interest rates, his message was clear when he said that the monetary committee had already shown it was prepared to take the action necessary to keep the lid on inflation — it put up rates by a quarter point at its first meeting last week.

The clear implication was that further increases would follow if necessary. Demand in the British economy was growing faster, but because the economy suffered from a long-term lack of investment in skills, the recovery needed to proceed steadily to avoid a rebound inflation. That was why he had raised interest rates on taking office.

Three weeks from his first Budget on July 2, Mr Brown also underlined his determination to keep a tight rein on spending and told public sector unions they would have to show restraint. "Just as we will resist any other irresponsible demand on public spending, we will resist irresponsible public sector pay demands," he said.

Mr Brown — who again spurned City tradition by wearing a lounge suit when everyone else apart from his two advisers wore black tie — said: "We must break out of the stop-go cycle under which, every time we expand, capacity constraints and under-investment trigger inflationary pressures.

"We need to lock into our economic policy a commitment to consistently low inflation over the long term. Real stability is achieved not when we meet a target one or two months in a row, but when we can confidently expect inflation to be consistently low for a long period of time."

His new system of holding the Bank accountable was rigorous, precise and open and would enable it to deliver the target consistently over the long-term. It was the final building block in his reform of monetary policy.

The aim of the change was to ensure the public was fully informed if there was a failure to hit the target and told what would happen to put it right. However, the 2.5 per cent target is a slight variation on the previous Government's "2.5 per cent or less". There had been concerns that adopting that formula might have encouraged the Bank to be excessively deflationary.

The move was derided earlier in the Commons by Kenneth Clarke, the Shadow Chancellor, who claimed it masked a loosening of the criteria for controlling inflation. And as he arrived — in a dinner jacket — at Mansion House last night, he said: "Gordon is far too anxious about making big policy changes and far too anxious about criticism. I think he should leave well alone."

Malcolm Bruce of the Liberal Democrats also said that that the new formula amounted to a new target range of 1.5 to 3.5 per cent. But Mr Brown insisted: "I have tightened up the framework. I have made it more rigorous and I have made it more open.The range under the previous Government was 1 to 4.5 per cent."

Mr George, also speaking at the Mansion House, said that he was determined to achieve the target, but replied to fears that the Bank might risk damaging growth. He said that he was well aware that some observers had been concerned the Bank would adopt an unduly cautious approach that could unnecessarily restrict economic growth.

"That will not be our intention. The new inflation target makes it amply clear that, in setting policy, we are to aim consistently at 2.5 per cent as a mid-point. And that, of course, is what we will endeavour to do. The measure of our success will be how close we come to 2.5 per cent on average over time."

The annual headline rate of inflation rose to 2.6 per cent in May compared with 2.4 per cent in the previous month, according to figures published by the Office for National Statistics yesterday. But the underlying rate, which excludes mortgage costs, held steady at 2.5 per cent.

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DAVE HOWELLS / SWN

Camilla Parker Bowles returning home from Highgrove House yesterday and, below right, Carolyn Melville-Smith

Parker Bowles 'drove crash car like missile'

By Joanna Bale

AN INTERIOR designer involved in a head-on car crash with Camilla Parker Bowles claimed yesterday that the Prince of Wales's close friend had been driving her car "like a missile".

Carolyn Melville-Smith, 53, who was not injured in the accident near the Prince's Gloucestershire home, Highgrove House, also claimed that Mrs Parker Bowles appeared to "run off" after the crash. However, royal sources said that Mrs Parker Bowles had walked to a higher point in the road to get a better reception on her mobile telephone so that she could summon help for Ms Melville-Smith. She was then taken to Highgrove by royal protection officers without returning to the scene.

Ms Melville-Smith said yesterday: "The car came at me like a missile. I think we saw each other at the same blinding second. There was no time to think.

"I tried to steer onto the verge, but we collided and her car flew through the air and landed in the middle of the road with one of its wheels ripped off. My car ended up on its side in a ditch and I could not get out. She came to see if I was OK, but then started to walk away. I shouted to her that I was stuck and she started to run."

Ms Melville-Smith was helped from her car by passers-by before the emergency services arrived. She said: "A couple stopped their car to help me and another chap yanked the door open. When the ambulance and police arrived, they asked me where the other driver was. I was at the scene for about an hour and I did not see her. I had no idea who she was."

Ms Melville-Smith said she would be claiming compensation for the damage to her Volvo estate car from Mrs Parker Bowles's insurance company. She added: "In my opinion, the accident was her fault because she was going too fast for a country lane which is too narrow for two cars to pass. I was only doing about 30mph and had pulled over to let another car past about ten seconds before. I am very lucky that I was not hurt, although I have to go for a chest X-ray as a check-up."

The crash happened on Wednesday at Norton, near Malmesbury, Wiltshire, just after 8pm as Mrs Parker Bowles was on her way to supper with the Prince at Highgrove House, four miles away. Ms Melville-Smith, of nearby Easton Grey, was on her way to meet friends.

Wiltshire police confirmed yesterday that Mrs Parker Bowles had been alone in the

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"Tragic really — the cars missed him but he got trampled on by a woman running the other way"

Patients could face 'hotel' bill for stay in hospital

By Ian Murray
Medical Correspondent

PLANS to charge patients to see their GP and pay "hotel" bills while they are in hospital will be considered as part of the Government's comprehensive review of National Health Service funding.

Frank Dobson, the Health Secretary, confirmed that the review would also consider whether pensioners should be forced to pay at least part of their prescription charges.

Nothing could be ruled out in the review, Mr Dobson said after telling the Institute of Health Services Management annual conference that its members had to make £80 million in savings on bureaucracy this year. "We are going to look at anything that has to be looked at as long as it is intellectually honest," he said.

Mr Dobson told the health managers that 69 of 100 health authorities and 125 out of the 425 NHS trusts began this financial year in debt. Waiting lists were rising and the time spent on waiting lists was going up. Emergencies would have to take priority over everything else.

Karen Caines, director of the institute, in his response, said: "They are in a terrible mess with £300 million in deficit that has to be cleared away. Waiting lists are already rising and now they say emergencies must have priority. That can only mean waiting lists will grow further."

Charges for seeing GPs could be similar to those that patients on the NHS now pay to dentists. This could mean that a call to a surgery might be up to £10 a visit, with a £15 charge if the doctor makes a home visit.

"Hotel" charges in hospitals would probably be in line with low grade bed-and-breakfast, an average of £30 a night.

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Wedding 'still on'

The Albanian waitress who has been blamed over the stabbing of her boyfriend. British diplomat Geoffrey Briggs, said yesterday that the couple still planned to marry........Page 3

Mozart 'finds'

Two obscure 18th-century operas were substantially ghost-written by Mozart, an American music historian has claimed........Page 15

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Robinson next UN human rights chief

From James Bone in New York

KOFI ANNAN, the United Nations Secretary-General, last night appointed Mary Robinson, the Irish President, as his new High Commissioner for Human Rights.

But he surprised diplomats by saying that he wanted Mrs Robinson to cut short her seven-year term as President and take up the post before the next UN General Assembly convenes in September. Her term runs out in December.

"Mrs Robinson understands the urgency and the need to fill the job," he said.

Mrs Robinson, a former civil liberties lawyer and constitutional scholar, succeeds José Ayala-Lasso from Ecuador, who quit earlier this year to become Foreign Minister of his country.

Mr Annan described Mrs Robinson as "an extraordinary leader who . . . will bring dynamism and credibility to the human rights centre".

Although Mrs Robinson has stayed away from the Northern Ireland peace process, some have suggested that she might become a useful mediator in the province after taking up a UN post.

Dick Spring, the Deputy Irish Prime Minister, last night indicated the Government would allow Mrs Robinson to leave early. "My reaction is one of great joy. This is an honour for President Robinson and for Ireland," he said.

Robinson: her role an "honour for Ireland"

Straw must decide on Bulger case

By Richard Ford
Home Correspondent

JACK STRAW was last night facing his first crucial decision as Home Secretary after the Law Lords ruled that his predecessor was wrong to increase the minimum prison sentence imposed on the boys convicted of killing James Bulger.

Mr Straw must now decide whether to impose his own minimum term or leave it at ten years, allowing their case to be reviewed in 2½ years. If he does not intervene, the boys could be released by 2003.

This would spark anger on Merseyside where yesterday the parents of James Bulger said they were bitterly disappointed that the Law Lords had ruled that Michael Howard was wrong to set a minimum of 15 years.

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Farming Today may be set aside

Carol Midgley, media correspondent

RADIO 4's *Farming Today* programme faces being moved or scrapped to make way for an extended version of the flagship news programme *Today* which would be broadcast seven days a week, it emerged yesterday.

James Boyle, the Radio 4 controller, is considering plans to start *Today* at 6am instead of 6.30am. He is also planning to introduce a Sunday version, which may spell the end of the long-running *Sunday* programme, which focuses on religious affairs.

The BBC yesterday refused to comment on the plans but said a review of Radio 4 programming was continuing. Mr Boyle is considering the scheduling of many Radio 4 programmes including *The Archers*, *Sport on 4*, *Breakaway* and *Kaleidoscope*. He has indicated that none is sacrosanct.

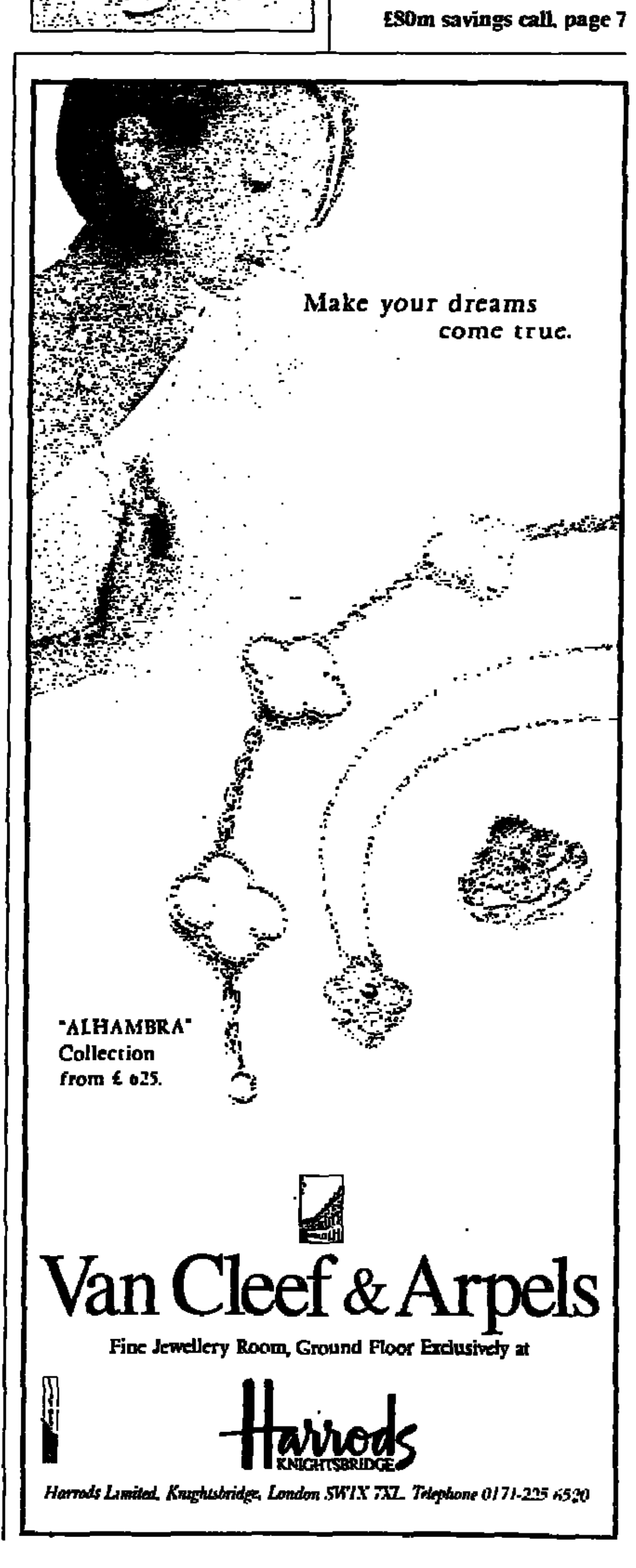
Farming Today, which was a favourite of Baroness Thatcher's, is the only BBC radio programme dedicated to farming issues. A BBC insider said that as the programme, which began in 1964, had such a loyal following it was unlikely to be axed completely.

Seven years ago there was an outcry from farmers when Radio 4 announced it was changing the broadcasting schedule of *Farming Today*. Producers said people were listening to the radio earlier and did not want to hear about market prices.

In 1995 an all-party group of MPs tabled a motion opposing changes to *Farming Today* amid fears that it had been so successful at attracting a wider audience that producers would be tempted to move it.

Trevor Hayes, chief spokesman for the National Farmers' Union, said: "The demise of *Farming Today* would cause great concern."

Philip Stephens, a beef farmer in Cornwall, said: "We do not have time to read all the papers and the trade press, so the programme is an easy way of keeping abreast."



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Smouldering Gordon becomes Chamber's only hot spot

MATTHEW PARRIS

POLITICAL SKETCH

IF politics could be charted as those heat maps tracking infra-red emissions, we might get some sense of where things that mattered were happening. A Whitehall committee here, a critical vote in the Commons there, a whips' conversation in a corridor upstairs or a slim European directive slipped onto the table when nobody was looking, would suddenly pulse with significance — and show up purple on the map.

For most of this session the Commons chamber would not have featured on the map. It has not felt like the place to be. We sense that whatever is happening is happening somewhere else, in Tony Blair's kitchen perhaps.

Ministers have been reluctant to share their news with the House, and yesterday the Speaker granted her second Private Notice Question: a device whereby a backbencher can force a minister to make a Statement to MPs. On Miss Boothroyd's say-so, Teddy Taylor (C, Rochford & Southend E) obliged the Agriculture Minister Jack Cunningham to come to the House to update MPs on BSE.

In fact Mr Cunningham had no difficulty. In his lazy but fluent way he hit questions for easy twos and fours. Cunningham is deceptively adroit. He is using an implied threat to trigger a British health scare — over imported beef — as a bargaining chip with Europe, and, yesterday, MPs let him get away with it, though the Liberal Democrat Agriculture Spokesman Paul Tyler demonstrated again his sure grasp. Only at Treasury Questions did onlookers gain any sense that our political heat map might be pulsing briefly. Obscure as the subject of their spat might be, as Kenneth Clarke squared up to the Chancellor a trace of tension crackled in the close afternoon air. Some of us have never seen Kenneth Clarke sitting up before. Gordon Brown shows command, but tends to witter when cornered and weary when flattered. Pouting, smouldering Mr Brown, "Britain's sexiest bachelor" (*The Guardian*), might have rewarded fawning backbencher Anne Campbell (Cambridge) with better than a tired reprise of the denunciation of his predecessors which seems to characterise almost every Government response in the Commons so far.

Labour are entitled to gloat but sooner or later ministers will have to justify their hopes rather than denounce their inheritance. They are not rising to this challenge.

Other ministers on the Treasury Front Bench included Chief Secretary Alistair Darling and Financial Secretary Dawn Primarolo. Mr Darling has been impressive from the start. His response to a sharp question from a previous Health Minister, Sir Norman Fowler (C, Sutton Coldfield) was masterly.

Fowler wanted to know whether any pensioners' entitlements to free prescriptions were under threat. Darling managed to avoid denying this without sounding sneaky — and rousing his own side to a supporting cheer.

Dawn Primarolo, undoubtedly Britain's sexiest Financial Secretary, has a verbal style as distracting as her appearance is composed. Every syllable seems to breathe reproach. Adopting the manner of an insolent telephonist or angry spokesperson for a cyclists' action group, she looked resentful and surprised when Tory MPs howled at her refusal to assure David Heathcote-Amory (Wells) that a promise to lift VAT on energy-saving devices would be honoured.

There would be a review, she protested. Naturally, a review.

Another Thursday, another review.

Harman opens way for single mothers to return to work

By Jill Sherman and Alexandra Frean

HARRIET HARMAN pledged yesterday that the Government would "tear down the barriers" between lone mothers and the workplace as she claimed that children of working single parents do better than those who stay at home.

The Social Security Secretary outlined a series of measures to get lone parents into jobs as she argued that nine out of ten mothers wanted to work. More than one million lone mothers are now dependent on benefit costing the Government over £10 billion a year. Ms Harman and Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, are determined to use some of the £3 billion to be raised from the windfall tax on helping these mothers into work.

Ms Harman detailed a range of measures to help lone mothers, including inviting them to jobcentres for careers guidance and ensuring that absent fathers paid proper maintenance. Frank Field, her deputy, is said to be considering the use of financial penalities if women fail to take up jobs but so far that has not been proposed.

Harman: put forward five-point programme

Addressing the Institute for Public Policy Research, Mr Harman said: "There are now one million lone mothers bringing up 2 million children on the breadline. Compared to lone mothers in other European countries, those in Britain are the least likely to work and among the most likely to depend on benefit."

In France 82 per cent of lone mothers are in work while in Britain it is only 41 per cent. As a result 37 per cent of single parents in France were on benefit compared with 71 per cent in this country. Ms Harman called for an end to "scapegoating" of single mothers, both in and out of work, saying the breadwinning father and stay-at-home mother was no longer the only family model.

She reopened the argument about whether mothers should stay at home to look after children after claiming that if lone parents worked, their children would have a better chance in life. Daughters of working single mothers were, for example, likely to do better at school and less likely to become lone parents, she suggested.

Ms Harman's approach, welcomed by one-parent organsations, was a clear signal that the Government rejects the arguments of some traditionalists that putting children in day care while mothers go to work is harmful for their health or education.

Ms Harman, a mother of three, set out five proposals to help single mothers into work:

☐ inviting lone mothers to a jobcentre for advice on jobseeking, training and childcare, when their youngest children were in the second term of full-time education:

☐ a national childcare strategy, including a network of after-school clubs to care for children while parents are at work;

☐ bringing together help and advice for lone mothers, to save them traipsing from one office to another:

☐ helping lone mothers to balance their responsibilities as parents with their aspirations to get the right skills to find work:

☐ ensuring that absent fathers paid proper maintenance.

The speech was welcomed by lone-parent organisations but they said the programme had to be underpinned by more childcare. Lucy Lloyd of the Day Care Trust said: "More than one third of lone parents say that they find the lack of childcare is the main barrier to them finding work."

John Lloyd, page 20

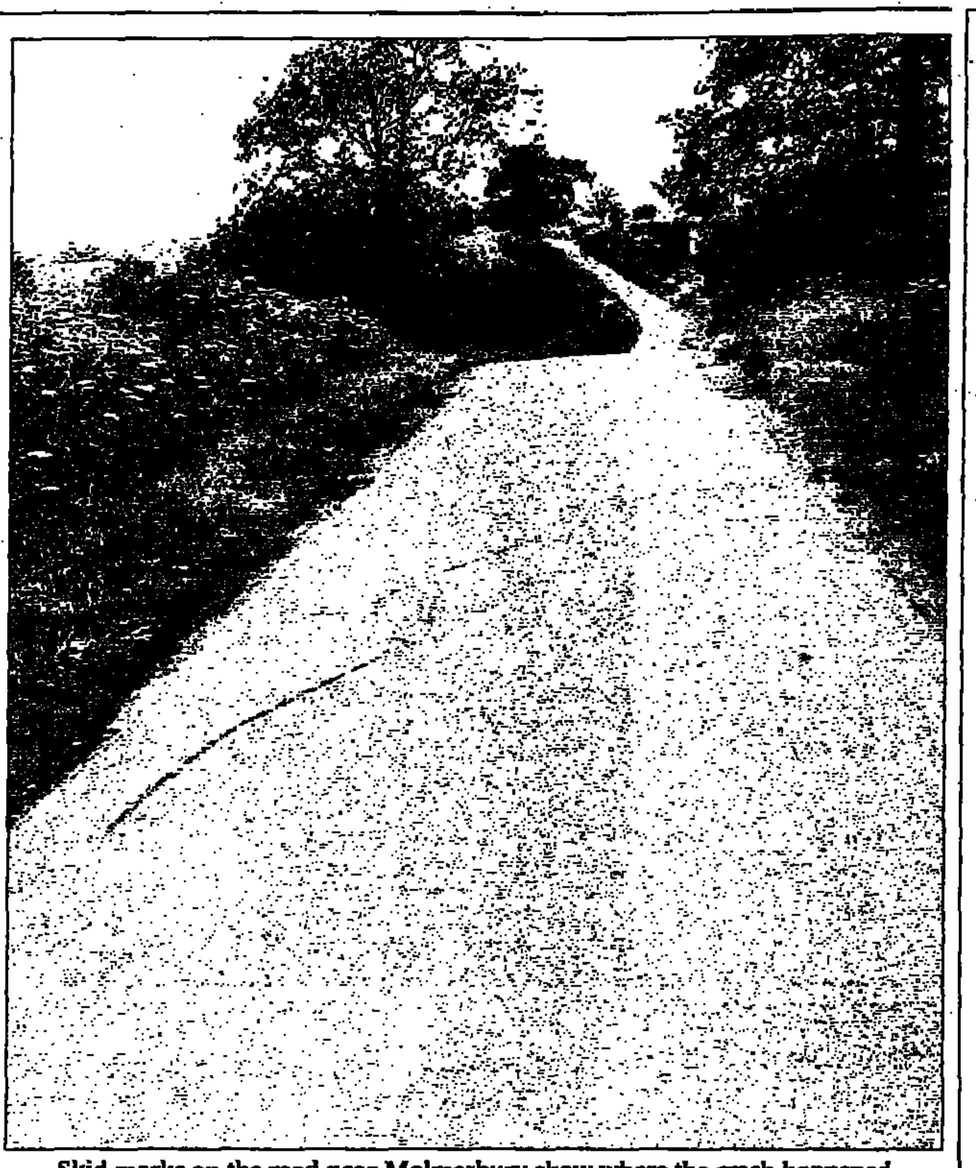
Britain trailing in childcare provision

By Alexandra Frean, social affairs correspondent

JUST 41 per cent of lone mothers in Britain are employed, compared with 82 per cent in France, 87 per cent in Japan and 70 per cent in Sweden. In Europe, only Germany, the Netherlands and Ireland have lower employment rates.

Unlike many other countries, Britain has little statutory childcare provision and no subsidy, tax allowance or benefit to help mothers with childcare. The limited number of public childcare places available are for children deemed to be "at risk". While the public education system provides places for more than half the children aged three to five, the opening hours are limited and do not allow lone mothers to work full-time.

Lucy Lloyd, of the Day Care Trust, which is campaigning for better day care provision, said that only 27,000 families had financial help with childcare. She said that there needed to be an investment in childcare and more places. The Homework Clubs being promoted by the Government were only a partial solution and provided places for only one in 200 of the children that needed them.



Skid marks on the road near Malmesbury show where the crash happened

Parker Bowles car crash

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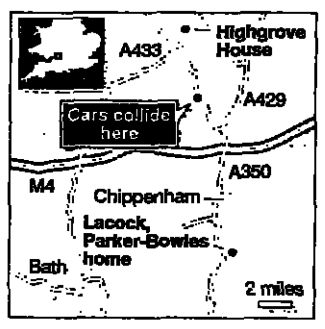
car at the time, as was Ms Melville-Smith. A spokesman said: "Both women were unhurt, but suffered from shock. At this stage, as in any other accident, traffic officers will make a report. There is no obligation to stay at the scene of an accident, only to report it unless insurance details are exchanged. Both women were breathalysed but the results were negative."



Police sources said there were no independent witnesses, so charges were unlikely.

Mrs Parker Bowles stayed overnight at Highgrove House before returning to her home near Lacock, Wiltshire, yesterday morning.

Buckingham Palace said: "The accident is a matter for the police."

☐ A youth worker criticised Buckingham Palace yesterday for refusing to tell her why the Princess Royal cancelled an official engagement minutes before she was due to arrive.

Sue Welling, senior youth worker for Greenwich Youth Aid, southeast London, said that she was surprised and disappointed that she was told only that the visit had been cancelled because of "unforeseen circumstances".

The Princess was to have unveiled a plaque and to have met young people with special needs at the Herongate Centre in Thamesmead West. Ms Welling said: "Many of the youngsters were in tears. Without a proper reason it was difficult to explain why she could not come. Some of them even asked whether it was because they are special needs youngsters.

"I was taken aback and did not quite believe it when they said she was not coming, but then did not give a reason. We had spent a lot of time planning the visit and it cost us several hundreds of pounds, but the human cost was much more. Many of the parents are very annoyed."

The Princess had accepted the invitation as patron of the Association of Combined Youth Clubs.

The Palace declined to comment on speculation that there may have been a security alert.

Head teachers face five-year contracts

The Government, which is to suggest the introduction of fixed-term contracts of possibly five years for head teachers, is likely to meet resistance from the profession. The idea was first suggested by the Conservative Government, but was never imposed.

Ministers have emphasised the paramount role of head teachers in school leadership and are planning a compulsory qualification for all new heads and deputies. David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, said his members would resist fixed-term contracts as a "considerable reduction of their employment rights".

Church gets Parliament man

Stuart Bell, Labour MP for Middlesbrough, has been appointed Second Church Estates Commissioner, the last post to be filled in the new government. Mr Bell, 59, a barrister and a confirmed member of the Church of England, will serve as the main link between Parliament and the Church Commission, which manages the £3 billion assets of the Church of England. The post is unpaid.

Republican terrorist jailed

Michael Hegarty, a former member of the breakaway group Republican Sinn Fein, was jailed for ten years yesterday by the Special Criminal Court in Dublin for having 1½ tons of explosives in a van bomb and in outhouses near the Ulster border in November 1995, during the IRA ceasefire. Hegarty, 45, refused to recognise the court and remained silent during the three-day hearing.

Stowaways to be deported

Four men who stowed away on a London-bound Channel Tunnel train are to be deported to France. "They were refused permission to have their cases heard in Britain based on the long-established principle that asylum-seekers should seek protection in the first safe country they arrive in," a Home Office spokeswoman said. The men, from Moldova, hid in a compartment below the floor of the train.

Action by drivers halts trains

Hundreds of trains run by Connex South Central into London will be cancelled today and at the weekend because of industrial action by drivers over new working practices. The services affected are from Victoria and London Bridge to Sussex, Surrey and Hampshire. A total of 435 trains, almost a third, will be cancelled tomorrow and a further 179 will not complete their normal journeys.

Blairs go alone to Balmoral

The Prime Minister and his wife will spend their first weekend at Balmoral in late summer but neither their three children nor Princes William and Harry will attend. The Blair children, who were included in the invitation from the Queen, will already be back at school and their parents are known to be keen to protect them from excessive publicity.

Lesbian teacher sentenced

A former PE teacher who beat up a pupil in a row over a lesbian affair was ordered yesterday to do 200 hours' community service. Gym mistress Ceri Bevan, 29, was also told to pay the 18-year-old £250 compensation and pay a further £400 in court costs. Cardiff Crown Court Judge Peter Jacobs told her: "You can think yourself lucky that you are not going to prison."

Oyston given right to appeal

The media tycoon Owen Oyston was given permission to appeal against his conviction for the rape and indecent assault of a 16-year-old model. Oyston, 63, former chairman of Blackpool Football Club, was jailed for six years at Liverpool Crown Court last year. Lord Bingham of Cornhill, the Lord Chief Justice, said two matters warranted fresh consideration.

Four hurt in chemical blaze

Four people were hurt and families evacuated from their homes after a fire and explosions destroyed Sun Chemicals in Slough, Berkshire. Thousands of people were warned to remain indoors to avoid toxic fumes. Rail services between Paddington and Wales and the West were halted by thick smoke across the tracks. The injured, including a fireman, were treated in hospital and released.

Blair to seek better protection for witnesses of crime

By Richard Ford
Home correspondent

THE Prime Minister will announce plans today for improved protection of witnesses in the hope of encouraging more people to report crime and be willing to give evidence.

He is also to give additional cash to Victim Support, which was created to look after victims of crime. The charity runs schemes in Crown Courts to help witnesses and victims.

Mr Blair will present the Government's latest proposals when he travels to the Midlands for his first meet-the-people road show, which will be dedicated to law and order. His "Question Time" in the country will be take place before 130 men and women chosen by government officials because of their interest in law and order.

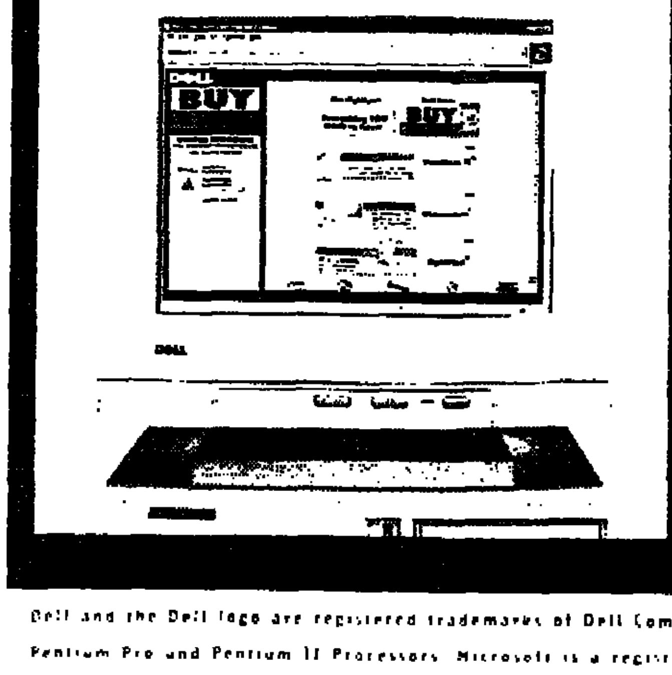
The Prime Minister will tell his audience that a full review of the protection offered to witnesses will be set up and that he will urge police and local authorities to make greater use of witness statements on an anonynmous basis.

The Government also wants changes to court procedures to give judges and magistrates greater powers to ensure that witness give evidence without fear of reprisal or intimidation. It is understood that ministers would like more witneses to be able to give evidence from behind screens or by video link.

Ministers are also planning to extend witness protection legislation to cover civil cases because of the increase in intimidation. At present the 1994 Criminal Justice and Public Order Act only makes it an offence to harm or intimidate a witness in a criminal case.

The Government's desire to provide greater protection for witnesses follows a Home Office study which found that, on housing estates where there is a lot of crime, 13 per cent of cases reported by victims and 9 per cent reported by witnesses resulted in people being intimidated. The study found a general unwillingness of the public to come forward as witnesses, particularly where they were not the victim. Less than one third of people interviewed had reported crimes against others.

☐ Last night the Home Office published figures showing that the number of police officers in England and Wales had risen by 257 in the 12 months to the end of March, whereas the Tory Government had promised a rise of 1,000. The total strength of the police was 127,158, of which 98,132 were constables.



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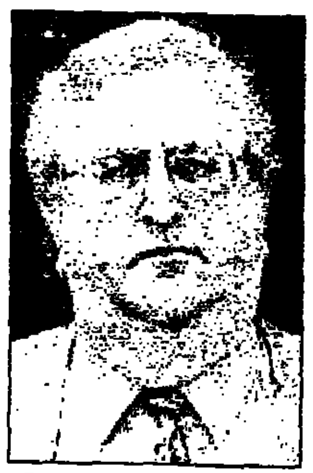


Purslow: legal privilege

Oyster firm to shell out £100,000 in libel costs

By Kathryn Knight

AN OYSTER company is facing a £100,000 legal bill after a judge ruled that a food hygienist was entitled wrongly to blame it for supplying bad oysters to an hotel.

Colchester Oyster Fisheries had sued Christopher Purslow for libel after he wrote a report in 1992 naming them as the suppliers of native oysters which caused food poisoning among diners at the Ritz.

Yesterday, Mr Justice Eady, at the High Court, ruled that the shellfish responsible were Pacific oysters from Cork harbour. However, while there was no evidence to suggest that Colchester Oyster Fisheries had supplied that type of oyster to the Ritz that month, Mr Purslow's report blaming them was covered by qualified privilege.

This meant that everyone who received the report had a legitimate right to see it; and, because it was not malicious, it ruled out any action in libel against the author. The judge said that he understood the frustration of the oyster company but his decision was bound by law.

In December 1991 a party of eight had eaten in the Ritz dining room, consuming salad of warm oyster. Twenty-four hours later the organiser and six of her guests were seriously unwell. A week later, 20 diners ate the same menu and eight became ill. Mr Purslow, who was employed on a retainer by the Ritz, was called in to investigate.

He said yesterday that he was relieved the libel action had come to an end and the judge had recognised the right of food professionals to carry out investigations without the threat of libel actions.

"The judge's decision recognises that I acted in a responsible manner," he said. "I marked my report 'private and confidential' and restricted its circulation to those persons who had a clear interest in the information it contained. I have never believed that my report contained anything defamatory of the Colchester Oyster Fisheries."

He loves me and we will still marry, says girlfriend of stabbed diplomat

From Tom Walker in Tirana

THE Albanian waitress blamed over the stabbing of her boyfriend, a British diplomat, said yesterday that the couple still planned to marry. "I will not say what happened. I don't remember," Olsa Seiko said.

The stormy events of Monday morning culminated in Geoffrey Briggs, a second secretary, being flown from Tirana to hospital in Brindisi, Italy. "I spoke to him today on the telephone and he told me he loves me," Miss Seiko said.

The Foreign Office has maintained a stoney silence, commenting only that Mr Briggs's injuries were not connected with the precarious political situation in Albania. Yesterday a security guard was posted outside the villa the couple shared near the Swiss Embassy. An angry friend of Ms Seiko's ripped a film from a cameraman attempting to photograph her. Another camerman was threatened with assault and several more films were snatched and exposed.

The only other person known to have been in the villa at the time of the stabbing, around 5.30 on Monday morning, was David Bicker, a junior diplomat. He, too, has been bound to silence by the Foreign Office but laughed at suggestions that he had stabbed Mr Briggs.

Ms Seiko, sporting a Calvin Klein baseball cap and black dungarees, looked pale and tense yesterday. The 21-year-old, who was brought up in an orphanage but now rubs shoulders with the Tirana elite, said she believed Mr Briggs would soon be moved to Britain to convalesce.

"I want to be with him there," she said. She travelled to Britain with Mr Briggs last year, visiting his parents near Milton Keynes.

Ms Seiko said she had emerged from hiding to let her side of the story be known. "How can I hurt the man I love?" she asked. She spoke with sadness of the child she had lost a month ago. Mr Briggs, she said, was upset. "We'd told so many people about it. We were looking forward to having a family."

Acquaintances of the couple, however, spoke of a stormy relationship. One diplomat said Ms Seiko had once broken a chair over Mr Briggs's head and there had been arguments over his postponement of the marriage. "We planned to get married ... lots of people have complications," Ms Seiko said.

Diplomatic sources in Tirana were sceptical about media speculation that Mr Briggs had been attacked by an intruder, possibly linked to Albania's secret services. The villa was broken into recently but American diplomats said they had no evidence to suggest the secret police entered foreigners' houses.

Ms Seiko remembered going out onto the balcony and finding Mr Briggs there bleeding. "Of course I didn't say anything — I went to get help," she said. An Albanian friend drove the couple to the military hospital at Rinas airport, from where Mr Briggs was flown to Brindisi. "I wanted to go with him but I didn't have a visa," Ms Seiko said.

Local journalists have suggested that Mr Briggs was attacked by a member of Ms Seiko's family. In a closed society like Albania, fidelity is sacred and postponing a marriage could lead to trouble. "The brothers and cousins could soon be round," one friend said.

Ms Seiko was brought up in an orphanage near the American embassy after her parents divorced. She stayed there between the ages of six and fourteen before going to Italy, where she worked as a waitress in a village near Milan.

On moving back to Tirana she had been taken in by Memtaz Hafizi, the director of the orphanage. "She was a pretty girl," he recalled. "I think she lived with an Italian — he telephoned a few times after she had come back but then it stopped." Ms Seiko worked as a waitress in a fish restaurant, the Rozafa, where she met Mr Briggs. Later she worked in the Rogner Hotel.

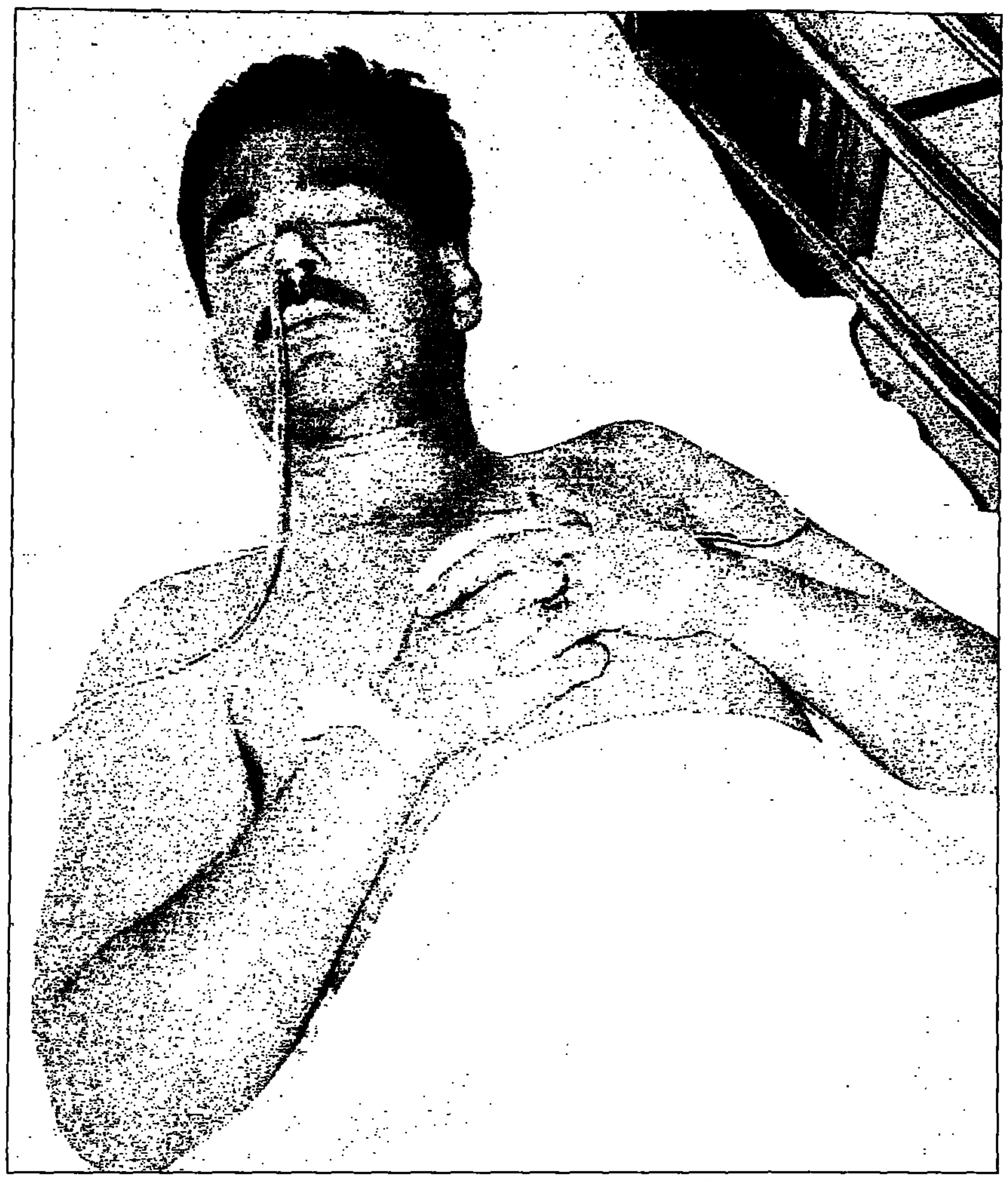
The stabbing of Mr Briggs has done nothing for the image of the British Embassy in Tirana, whose evacuation of Britons and other nationals during the Albanian crisis in March was a fiasco. The group was trapped on Durres beach for a night as rebels ran riot, stealing most of the embassy's cars. Mr Briggs was in charge of the operation.

Mr Bicker, who comes from Bradford, is grimly coping as best he can in the absence of Andrew Tesoriere, the ambassador. The embassy hopes life will return to normal next week when it celebrates the Queen's birthday.

An acquaintance of Mr Bicker and Mr Briggs described the two men as good mates. "They were just having a lads' night in with some beers and a video, and then Mr Bicker went to sleep in the guest room. Olsa came back from a party — who knows what happened after that?"

Ms Seiko said that she and Mr Briggs would return to the Tirana cocktail circuit as soon as possible. "We still love one another and plan to marry," she said, putting on dark glasses and marching down the street with her minder. "We have lived together as husband and wife for the past year."

Olsa Seiko: brought up in Albanian orphanage



Geoffrey Briggs in hospital in Brindisi. The couple were said to have argued after he postponed the wedding

Desert golf promoter held in Dubai faces bribe charges

By Frances Gibb, legal correspondent

A BRITISH businessman held in Dubai since March has been charged with bribery. The United Arab Emirates announced of the charges last night against George Atkinson, 45, who organised and promoted the Professional Golfers' Association European Tour tournament, the Desert Classic.

Mr Atkinson faces two sets of charges: he is charged with offering bribes to Stephen Trutch, an employee of the Dubai government, and assisting him to receive the bribes. The embassy says that this charge was laid the day after Mr Atkinson's arrest on March 1, although his solicitors insist that neither he nor they were told of charges for more than 12 weeks.

The embassy also says that on April 5 Mr Atkinson was charged with conspiring with and assisting Mr Trutch to obtain unlawful commissions and prejudice the interests of the Dubai government "in order to obtain unlawful profits for himself and Mr Trutch". The details were revealed in a statement from the UAE embassy in London, which was clearly prompted by reports that Mr Atkinson was being held without charge. However the embassy had previously been unable to respond to inquiries about what Mr Atkinson was charged with.

Mr Atkinson's wife Helene, 49, and her two teenage daughters are said to be distraught.

Mother of all feuds at society for family harmony

By Ruth Gledhill
Religion Correspondent

THE Mothers' Union, the Anglican society dedicated to preserving marriage and family life, has been riven by internal feuds and the resignation of three of its senior officials.

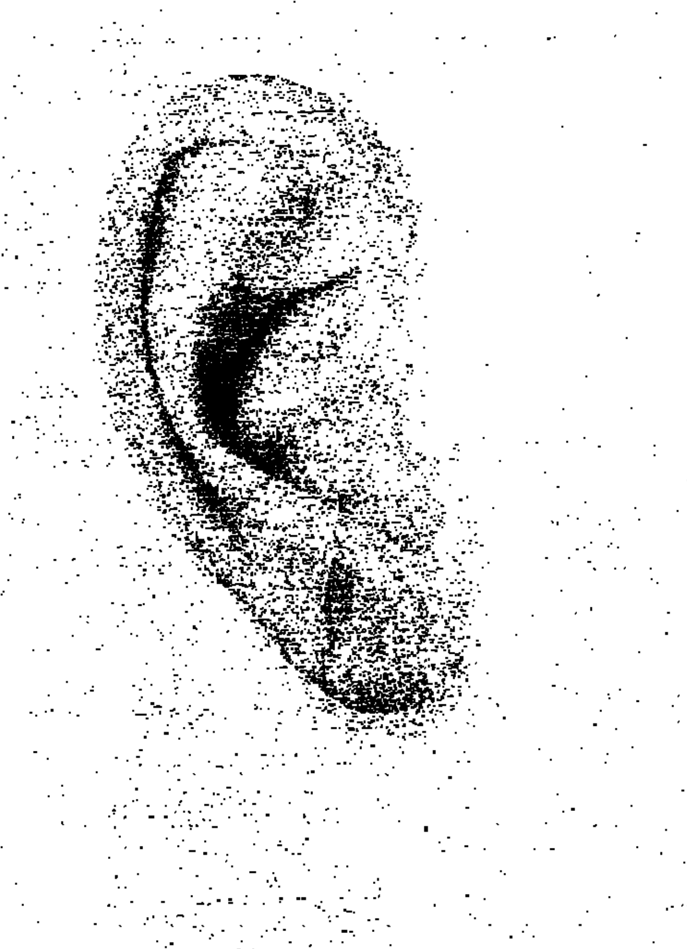
Christine Eames, the worldwide president of the Mothers' Union who is also wife of the Archbishop of Armagh, the Most Rev Robert Eames, has failed to be elected for a second term of office.

Lady Eames was elected three years ago to serve her first term, and by convention stood unopposed for a second term. But she did not achieve the necessary 50 per cent of the votes from the 372 Mothers' Union members entitled to vote.

She is now expected to stand again for re-election. But nominations, which must be in by next Friday, have been opened up, making it possible that she could become the first ever sitting president to be opposed in an election to head the society.

Lady Eames said she had allowed her name to go forward for re-election "only after a great deal of thought and prayer." She added: "Every new situation is a learning one and only a fool would fail to learn from it. But we have been implementing new structures and it has been a slow stage. There is always a difficulty when there is a need to move forward, and yet take people with us."

According to today's *Church Times*, her failure to win a second term has left the society in turmoil. The situation has been exacerbated by a decision by the editor of the society's magazine, *Home & Family*, to resign after "significant difficulties" in working relations with one of the unpaid trustees. Margaret Duggan handed in her notice after 6½ years as editor. She is understood to have found her position no longer tenable after she came under pressure not to include an article outlining the findings of a survey commissioned to address problems of falling membership. The survey revealed that, while membership worldwide is relatively buoyant, numbers in England fell by 140,000 to 100,000 in ten years.



It's addiction, Jim . . . but not as we know it

By David Charter, education correspondent

STAR TREK fans exhibit the same psychological and sometimes physical symptons in their devotion as drug addicts. Some have withdrawal symptons if they are denied their regular "fix" of the show and others need ever larger doses to satisfy their craving for Captain Kirk & Co.

However, academics from Northumbria Univeristy found that, unlike drug users, the highs experienced by Star Trek fans are almost entirely beneficial. Dr Sandy Wolfson, who has spent four years interviewing devotees of the show, found that the average Trekkie was a happy, well-adjusted person. Most benefited from the companionship of like-minded people and she found several married couples who met through their *Star Trek* fan club.

"My research found that about 5 to 10 per cent of fans meet the psychological criteria of addiction," Dr Wolfson said. "They show withdrawal symptoms such as agitation and frustration if they miss an episode and develop higher tolerance levels, so they need increasing doses."

One 40-year-old career woman who spoke to Dr Wolfson was unable to relax on holiday for fear she had not set her video recorder properly, while another fan spent more than £6,000 on *Star Trek* merchandise in a year.

Dr Wolfson, principal lecturer in psychology, whose research is published in *The Times Higher Education Supplement* today, said that such behaviour did not prove that *Star Trek* addiction was damaging. "Even among the small group showing signs of addiction, it can be extremely healthy from a psychological point of view. They feel the benefits of their involvement far outweigh the costs.

"Most Trekkies have made friends and even met spouses through their love of the series and they are intellectually challenged by the range of moral and ethical dilemmas presented in the show."

Unlike other shows, *Star Trek* holds back from providing its audience with all the answers, sparking thought and debate on issues such as racism and prejudice, she said. "Even in well-written soaps there is almost always a black-and-white outcome, with bad guys getting their come-uppance, whereas in *Star Trek* you very often find ambiguous endings, with the characters themselves perturbed about their own actions."

Bob Benton, manager of Page's Bar, in London, a mecca for sci-fi fans, confirmed he saw the symptons of *Star Trek* addiction in some of his customers. "There are people who get manically obsessive but they are only a minority. There are a couple who come in who we call 'the anoraks' because they are so involved in *Star Trek* that they basically cannot talk about anything else. They talk on such a level about the workings of warp drive engines that you don't really want to know."

Lords say it was unfair to increase killers' sentence

By RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

Robert Thompson

Jon Venables

MICHAEL Howard, the former Home Secretary, broke the law when he increased the minimum sentences on the two boys who murdered James Bulger, the Law Lords ruled yesterday.

He acted unfairly when he treated the two youngsters in the same way as adult murderers and raised the minimum term to 15 years, they decided. They ruled by a majority of 3-2 that the Home Secretary had the power to set a provisional tariff but that it must be flexible enough to allow regular reviews because children convicted of murder passed through adolescence to adulthood.

The trial judge had recommended that Robert Thompson and Jon Venables serve a minimum of eight years for "deterrence and retribution" but this was increased to ten years by the Lord Chief Justice, the late Lord Taylor of Gosforth.

The Law Lords also ruled yesterday that Mr Howard acted improperly in taking into account public petitions signed by 278,000 people and coupons from readers of *The Sun*. He should have ignored the "high voltage atmosphere of a newspaper campaign", the ruling said.

Thompson and Venables, both from Merseyside, were aged ten when they took James, 2, from a shopping centre at Bootle, murdered him and left his body on a railway line. They were convicted at Preston Crown Court in November 1993 for what Mr Justice Morland, the trial judge, described as an "act of unparalleled evil and barbarity".

Both boys, now aged 14, are being held in separate local authority secure accommodation in northern England, where they receive visits from their families. Their lawyers said that Mr Howard had "departed from standards of fairness" and had wrongly taken into account public opinion.

They argued that Mr Howard was wrong to interfere with the sentences and the Court of Appeal backed them, leading to that ruling being challenged in the House of Lords.

Lord Browne-Wilkinson said that the murder was a "cruel and sadistic crime" which had given rise to much public concern and outrage. He backed the right of a Home Secretary to set a tariff to be served but said it had to be flexible to allow him to reconsider the position in the light of the child's development and progress while in detention.

Lord Browne-Wilkinson said Mr Howard had adopted a policy which totally excluded such factors from consideration during the tariff period. "The unlawfulness lies in adopting a policy which totally excludes from consideration during the tariff period ... their progress and development, necessary to determine whether release from detention would be in the interests of the welfare of the applicants," he said.

Any policy based on a tariff had to be flexible and should take into account retribution, deterrence and the welfare of the child.

Lord Steyn said even those convicted of murder had rights under law and were entitled to the full measure of protection from unlawful action by the Executive.

Mr Howard had exceeded his statutory powers and acted unfairly. He had misunderstood his legal duty and wrongly gave weight to public protestations and clamour which were legally irrelevant.

Lord Steyn added: "It is perfectly understandable that the family of the murdered boy felt very strongly about the sentence to be served by his killers. But is it quite another matter whether the Home Secretary was entitled to take into account such protests, and other media-inspired protests, about the level of the tariff."

Such material was "worthless" and incapable of telling him in a meaningful way the true state of informed public opinion based on all the material facts of the case. Last night, the parents of the murdered child condemned the Law Lords' ruling.

Denise Bulger, James's mother, said: "I am bitterly disappointed about the ruling. Michael Howard took into account, and quite rightly so, the opinions of the public.

"The trial judge said that the murderers would serve very many years. In my opinion life is not eight years."

Ralph Bulger, the dead boy's father, added: "I am very disappointed. It is all so heartbreaking when it keeps coming back like this."

But lawyers for Thompson and Venables welcomed the judgment and reassured the Bulger family it did not mean they would be released immediately or even necessarily within the next ten years.

John Dickinson, solicitor for Venables, said: "What we are saying is that there should be a degree of flexibility in deciding when he should be released. There is no prospect of either of the two boys being released if it is considered they are still a danger to society."

Mr Howard said the judges had criticised a practice that had been operating since 1983.

He added: "In these areas of judicial review it is becoming increasingly difficult to predict what the law of the land is and how the judges are going to decide these difficult questions."

Mr Howard said one judge had agreed that he was right to take public opinion into account. The petitions had called for the two killers to be jailed for the rest of their lives.

"I didn't agree with that, and I didn't decide that but I did take public opinion into account," he said. However, he added, he still believed it had been "reasonable" to do that.

PETER BYRNE

Denise Bulger: bitterly disappointed by the Law Lords' ruling

Violent videos were cause for concern

MICHAEL HOWARD studied the Bulger trial judge's report highlighting the deprived backgrounds of both boys before deciding to impose a minimum 15-year sentence.

In his report Mr Justice Morland summarised the medical evidence given at the trial and expressed his concern that both boys had seen violent videos. "I have no doubt both boys saw video films frequently showing violent and aberrant activities," he wrote. "Both Thompson and Venables were healthy boys of average intelligence with no mental abnormality."

The judge then outlined the poor family background in which both children spent their earliest years. "These two boys came from homes and families with great social and emotional deprivation. They grew up in an atmosphere of matrimonial breakdown where they were exposed to, saw, heard or suffered abuse, drunkenness and violence."

Judges divided over Howard's right to freeze boys' tariff

By FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE law lords were divided from the start over whether Michael Howard acted lawfully in fixing the period to be served by the two convicted boys. Even in March, when they began to discuss the case, it was clear that they would be split.

The law lords divided three to two, with Lords Browne-Wilkinson, Steyn, and Hope of Craighead ruling against the former Home Secretary, and Lords Goff of Chieveley and Lloyd of Berwick in favour.

Legal observers had forecast that Lord Steyn, who is on the liberal wing in terms of judicial decisions, would rule against the way that Mr Howard had applied the detention procedures; and that Lord Lloyd, who is more towards the conservative flank, would rule in favour. But the opinions of the others had been unpredictable.

The issues in the case are controversial not only because of the nature of the crime, but also because of the implications for the role of ministers in sentencing, and the continuing tensions between the executive and judges over penal policy.

In delivering their majority ruling against Mr Howard, the law lords emphasised, as Lord Browne-Wilkinson put it, "that it is not for the courts or for your lordships' House to determine how long these two boys should be detained".

He added that everyone agreed the Home Secretary had discretion to decide how long the boys should be detained. Neither was the question whether that period of detention — the tariff — was appropriate. There were two main issues: whether the Home Secretary could fix a tariff which would run unchanged and not be reviewed; and whether he was right to take into account public opinion, as expressed through a poll conducted by *The Sun*.

Lords Browne-Wilkinson, Steyn and Hope ruled that Mr Howard acted unlawfully in setting the tariff, because it allowed for no flexibility or review to take account the change in a child during detention.

As Lord Browne-Wilkinson put it: "The unlawfullness lies in adopting a policy which totally excludes from consideration during the tariff period factors (i.e. their progress and development) necessary to determine whether release from detention would be in the interests of the welfare of the applicant."

Lord Goff, the senior law lord, and Lord Lloyd upheld Mr Howard, saying that he had the right in law to fix a tariff.

Lord Goff argued that the Home Secretary was entitled to treat child murderers the same way as adult ones and to set a minimum period to be served, without the need for an interim review. He was not bound, Lord Goff said, to consider departing "on grounds of good progress" from the term he had fixed. A different mix of three — Steyn, Hope and Goff — ruled against Mr Howard on the point that he should not have taken account of public opinion as expressed in a newspaper poll.

Lord Browne-Wilkinson did not express a view but said it was accepted that the Home Secreary was entitled to have regard to "broader considerations of a public character" when fixing the tariff. "How is the Secretary of State to discover what those attitudes are except from the media and from petitions?"

The ruling will have given a boost to those campaigning for an end to the Home Secretary's role in fixing the tariff.

More crucially, they will be watching when the same law lords deliver their ruling in a similar case soon which challenges the Home Secretary's right to fix a tariff in the case of an adult murderer, or — as in the case of Myra Hindley — to increase it after it has been set.

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Aitken wins major battle of arms in libel action

REPORTS BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

JONATHAN Aitken won a major battle in his libel action against *The Guardian* and Granada TV yesterday when the organisations conceded they could not justify accusations of illegal arms dealings by the former cabinet minister.

They abandoned a central plank of their defence case on the seventh day of the High Court hearing. Mr Justice Popplewell, who is sitting without a jury, was told by Charles Gray QC, for Mr Aitken, that defence pleas of justification had been withdrawn. It had been alleged that at the height of the Iran-Iraq war he helped a company sell arms to both countries knowing it was prohibited by government policy.

Mr Gray had told the court: "The nature of the allegations is that he was or kept himself wilfully ignorant of the fact that these naval cannon, were for use in Iran and that he persisted in a breach of government policy. We wholly reject this allegation."

Aitken: rejects illegal arms deal accusations

In another major development, George Carman QC, for *The Guardian* and Granada TV, told the court that new evidence had been received from the Independent Broadcasting Authority after the defence had subpoenaed the former television watchdog about Mr Aitken's financial dealings with Arab investors while on the board of TV-am.

The evidence will lead to defence solicitors questioning and possibly calling as witnesses members of the defunct IBA, including the wife of the judge. Lady Catharine Popplewell was a member between 1987 and 1990 and of the IBA's successor the Independent Television Commission between 1991 and 1995. Mr Aitken, 54, who resigned from the troubled breakfast station in 1988, has admitted he was guilty of a "lack of candour" over his failure to disclose a secret Arab stake in TV-am of £3.3 million.

He has conceded putting the confidentiality of Saudi Arabian investors above his duty to reveal their involvement to his fellow directors as well as the IBA. He denies, however, having entered a secret deal to give the Saudis control of the company after the station got into difficulties.

Mr Aitken is suing *The Guardian* and Granada over allegations made in the newspaper and in the *World in Action* programme *Jonathan of Arabia* in 1995 that he was financially dependent on the Arabs and provided prostitutes for them.

In court yesterday Mr Carman said that papers from the IBA had arrived late on Wednesday and that the defence wished to interview witnesses from the watchdog. An application to adjourn for the day to enable them to do so was rejected by the judge.

Mr Carman said: "Part of our case is that we may have to assert that Mr Aitken has not been truthful with regard to the evidence he gave to the court regarding the IBA."

The hearing continues.

PETER NICHOLLS

The Princess speaking in London yesterday on "this human tragedy"

Short praises Princess's war on landmines

BY DANIEL MCGRORY

CLARE SHORT yesterday described the campaign by Diana, Princess of Wales, against landmines as "fabulous work. It's the best thing she has ever done." The International Development Secretary was at a conference in London where the Princess chastised nations that make and deal in the weapons.

The two women had met earlier this week to discuss the campaign to ban landmines. Ms Short said: "She is not being political. She and we agree on the right way to go to ban these weapons. Hers is a genuine humanitarian concern and her analysis is spot-on."

The Princess yesterday repeated her indignation that some Conservative MPs had criticised her decision to visit Angola earlier this year. She told the conference during her 20-minute address: "Some people chose to interpret my visit as a political statement. But it was not."

In January, a junior defence minister in the Conservative Government described the Princess as a "loose cannon" and backbench Tories initially accused her of failing to understand a complicated issue. She said yesterday: "I am not a political figure. As I said at the time, and I'd like to reiterate now, my interests are humanitarian.

"That is why I felt drawn to this human tragedy. That is why I wanted to play my part in working towards a worldwide ban on these weapons."

She asked: "How can countries which manufacture and trade in these weapons square their conscience with such human devastation?"

Lord Deedes, who as patron of the Mines Advisory Conference opened the day-long meeting, praised the Princess's visit to Angola, where there are 15 million mines. He told the conference: "It was not so much the minefields of Angola that put her at risk. It was one or two British politicians."

The Princess praised the volunteers working to clear mines and was close to tears as she met Ken Rutherford, who lost both legs in Somalia in 1993 and now runs the Landmine Survivors Network.

After describing his experiences to the conference, Mr Rutherford said: "The Princess told me she was glad she did not have to follow me as she was very emotional."

☐ Mexico yesterday blocked efforts by Western leaders to launch negotiations towards a global ban on landmines. Its veto leaves little prospect of a breakthrough during the 61-nation Conference on Disarmament which ends on June 27, or even at the final seven-week round starting July.

Grudge blamed for pimp claims

CLAIMS that Jonathan Aitken "whistled up" call girls for bored Arab clients staying at a luxury health farm were angrily denied by the former MP yesterday.

Two defence witnesses, the health farm's former matron, Jo Lambert, and former osteopath, Robin Kirk, are to give evidence that he asked them to find prostitutes. Mr Aitken said their allegations stemmed from a grudge the couple bore against him.

George Carman, QC, counsel for *The Guardian* and Granada TV, said it was not being suggested that pimping for Arab visitors was an habitual practice; it had occurred on only two occasions.

Mr Aitken said: "The fact that you highlight the isolation only seeks to confirm the improbability of this. Many Arabs went to the hydro in this period and no one has ever suggested, before the Granada programme, that I was in the business of pimping for Arabs or making requests for call girls to be whistled up from local towns. It's not just an isolated but an incredible allegation." Mr Aitken told the High Court that he had been chairman of the Inglewood Health Hydro, near Newbury, for 11 years after first visiting it with his wife-to-be in 1978.

It was owned by Finchley Holdings, a Panama-registered company with Arab investment. If wealthy Arabs ever found the facilities boring, that was likely to have been because of the demands of fasting, the former minister said.

Mr Carman asked: "Have you found over the years, with your long and detailed knowledge of the Arab community, that it contains among its members those who might seek the pleasure of escort girls while they are in London?" Mr Aitken said: "Well, if they ever did, they did not bother me with this aspect of their lives."

He said that Ms Lambert and Mr Kirk made the allegations of pimping for the Arabs out of a "burning sense of resentment" against him over their dismissal from Inglewood, which, he said, was to do with their dishonesty.

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Islanders celebrate Independence Day

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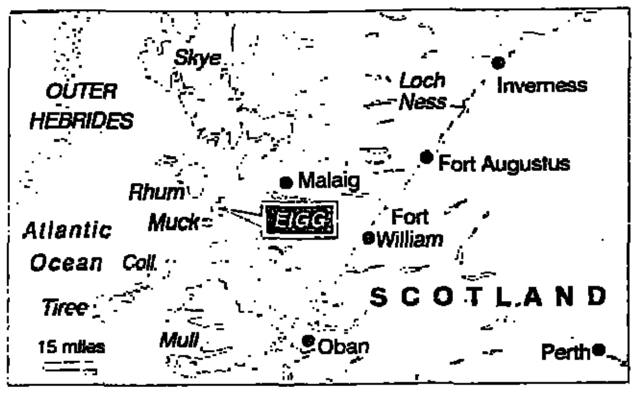


AFTER 700 years in private hands the Hebridean isle of Eigg yesterday officially became the property of the people who live there.

The historic change, making Eigg the first community-owned island in Britain, marked the end of decades of alleged neglect at the hands of absentee lairds.

Yesterday had been billed as Independence Day by the 68 residents of the five-by-three-mile island, which has no pub and no mains electricity. It dawned wet and windy, with mist circling the 1,300ft Sgurr of Eigg, which dominates the skyline.

Just after midday more than 300 guests, who had arrived on the Shearwater ferry followed by a school of dolphins, gathered on the headland above the small harbour. They cheered and clapped as Eigg's oldest residents, octogenarians Dolly Ferguson and Dugald Mackinnon, unveiled a plaque to commemorate the day, which coincided with the birthday of St Columba, beside a standing stone more than 10ft high.

Mr Mackinnon, 85, a crofter and ferryman, said simply that he felt honoured to be present. Then the islanders, led by a lone piper, marched triumphantly up to the Lodge, where the lairds used to live.

The day was the culmination of almost a year of anxiety and hard work which began when the previous owner, Marlin Eckhart Maruma, a German artist, put Eigg up for sale at £2 million last July. He had bought the island for £1.6 million 15 months before from Keith Schellenberg, a Yorkshire businessman.

The islanders launched a public appeal in partnership with Highland Council and the Scottish Wildlife Trust. They raised £1.5 million with thousands of donations from around the world, ranging from a few pounds to £900,000 from an anonymous woman benefactor, and the bid was accepted by Herr Maruma.

Maggie Fyffe and Colin Carr, crofters who are now directors of the Isle of Eigg Heritage Trust, the three-way partnership which offically owns the island, yesterday paid tribute to all those who had made the buyout possible. "This is just a wonderful feeling after such a long time," an emotional Mrs Fyffe said. "The island is finally ours and it is up to us to make it successful. The hard work begins now."

Brian Wilson, a Scottish Office Minister, said a candle for change had been lit on Eigg that would inspire other crofting communities. But he gave a warning: "There are plenty who will want this to fail, people who have a vested interest in maintaining the fiction that private landlordism is the only solution. But it is better to light one candle than forever curse the darkness."

For islander Peggy Kirk, 66, whose late husband was a crofter-fisherman, the community ownership of Eigg had a more personal significance. Mrs Kirk, who has lived under five private landlords, said the sale had inspired her son to return from London to take up his father's croft.

"I now have four of my children living here and 14 grandchildren. Today is marvellous, almost unbelievable," she said.

The celebrations continued late into the night with a ceilidh held in a marquee erected on the former tennis court of Mr Schellenberg. He sold Eigg to Herr Maruma after falling out with the islanders when his vintage Rolls-Royce was mysteriously set alight.

Yesterday Mrs Fyffe said that after centuries of private ownership, which began with the MacDonalds of Clan-Rannald, the community could now develop a sustainable future for Eigg. It will be based on tourism, farming and the island's natural heritage. It has 470 species of plant and 170 bird species, including golden eagles. Seals, otters, whales and porpoises thrive in the rich waters surrounding the isle.

The trust is seeking funding to transform the Lodge into a hostel for backpackers. Other projects include setting up a market garden and an environmental studies centre. But the main immediate benefit will be that the crofters will now have security of tenure on their land — land which they will, in effect, rent from themselves.

MIKE WILKINSON

Margaret Paterson waving the saltire yesterday to celebrate the autonomy of Eigg

Anti-crime chief calls for more postings overseas

By Stewart Tendler
crime correspondent

A NETWORK of British detectives should be posted round the world to protect the United Kingdom from the growing threat of international crime, the director-general of the National Criminal Intelligence Service said yesterday.

Albert Pacey said that an increasing number of top British criminals were using foreign bases for operations in Britain. Mr Pacey said Britain had only a handful of officers working abroad to combat the threat. Yet the postings were vital because officers gathered local intelligence and built up contacts with foreign investigators and agencies.

The crime liaison officers are based in embassies and coordinate international operations or handle routine inquiries. There are ten British officers working abroad. Eight of them in Europe, compared with 42 deployed abroad by Germany, 28 by France, 27 by Australia and 10 by Belgian police.

Mr Pacey said he would like to see British officers in Canada, Australia, Cyprus and Hong Kong. He said it was astonishing that there would be no British police officers in Hong Kong when the colony was handed over to China.

Mr Pacey, launching his service's annual report, said that, despite the value of the postings, there was only one police officer in the United States. A British detective in Germany also has to cover Poland, regarded as a gateway to the west for East European criminals. The British officer in Austria must also cover the Czech and Slovak republics as well as Hungary.

Mr Pacey said many countries accepted that Hong Kong was in a strategic position to cover the Far East. An officer based there could not only watch for the spread of Chinese criminal gangs moving westwards, but also monitor the sex tourism traffic in Thailand and the Philippines.

Mr Pacey said that British investigators checking on paedophiles in the Philippines had to rely on Australian colleagues. He also said his staff in Washington could not cover the entire United States.

☐ Britain could be facing a crime crisis, with rising public fear and anger, Bill Bratton, the American police reformer credited with creating "zero-tolerance", said yesterday. Mr Bratton, former commissioner of the New York police, told a conference in London organised by the Institute of Economic Affairs that one of the recipes for allaying public concern was more officers on the streets.

Marriage taken by student was valid

By Ruth Gledhill, religion correspondent

A COUPLE whose marriage was declared invalid because the student "vicar" was not ordained have been told their union is legal.

Rod and Shirley Earnshaw, both 25, spent more than £8,000 on their wedding, which was conducted by Stephen Grant, an 18-year-old undergraduate, after the Rev Robin Townsend turned up late.

Mr Grant, a server on work experience at St John the Evangelist in Golcar, Huddersfield, donned a cassock and stepped in to conduct the wedding ceremony last August.

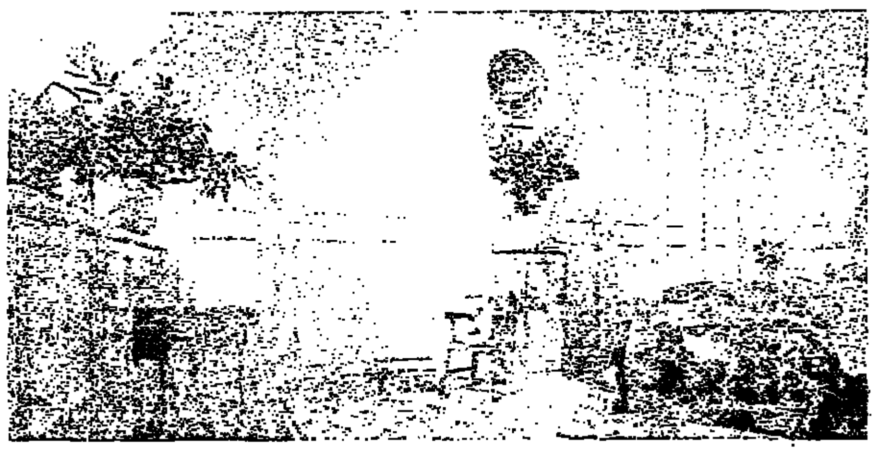
Ten days later, the horrified couple were told by church officials that Mr Grant was not ordained and their marriage was invalid, prompting them to take legal advice on sueing the church for the cost of another wedding.

But according to Canon Roy Clements, spokesman for the Wakefield diocese, the marriage was probably valid after all. He said: "Having examined all the facts in detail and considered legal precedents from cases as old as 1660, the diocese has been advised that if the couple honestly believed, as they have said they did, that they were being married by an ordained priest, then their marriage is valid.

"On the basis of these former cases, although the facts are not identical, it is believed that if the matter were tested in a court, that is the likely outcome."

Mr Clements added that, though there had been contact between the diocese's solicitors and lawyers acting for the couple, they had heard no more about the threat of legal action.

Mr Grant is studying church history at St David's University in Lampeter.



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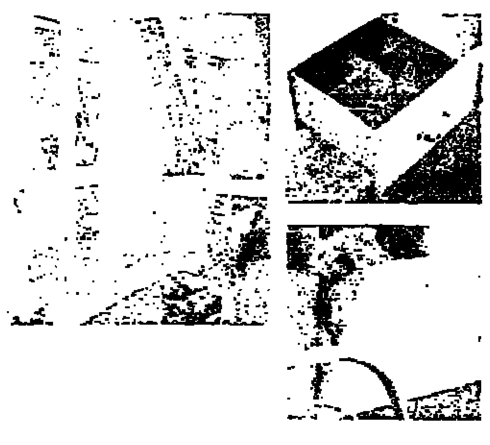

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Health authority wants its money back after girl dies

By Daniel McGrory

A HEALTH AUTHORITY is to appeal against an award of £700,000 to a brain-damaged girl who died eight days after a court made the financial settlement.

The family of Hollie Calladine, 9, said the move by Nottingham Health Authority was outrageous and that they would fight to retain the money granted for the injuries their daughter suffered at birth. Dr Julie Woodin, the authority's chief executive, said the health authority would be asking the High Court to rule on that part of the award made for Hollie's long-term care.

The solicitor for the Calladine family criticised the authority for "a thinly disguised attempt to force the parents to surrender part of their compensation against the threat of many more years of legal battle". Paul Balen said the family had offered to pay back 10 per cent of the settlement but that had been rejected by the health authority.

Throughout her life Hollie was fully dependent on her parents, Toni and Peter Calladine. She died at home from cardiac arrest soon after the court's ruling on May 27. The health authority had conceded 75 per cent legal responsibility after the court was told that it must have been obvious to staff at the Queen's Medical Centre that during labour mother and baby were in obvious distress. Hollie was left blind, tetraplegic, epileptic and with cerebral palsy. Doctors were said to have delayed her birth too long and misinterpreted blood tests.

The family say that Hollie should have been delivered by emergency Caesarean section and that had this been done she would not have suffered brain damage caused by a lack of oxygen. Mrs Calladine, 28, who has two other children, said: "They should just leave us alone. Hollie is not here to spend the money now and we've got to get on with our lives. I shouldn't have to go to court again. We've been through the courts for 8½ years, but I will fight on. I'm doing it for Hollie and my family." Mr Balen said that any court action by the authority might result in a further claim against them by the family. Dr Woodin said the decision to seek leave to appeal was made on legal advice which stated the authority had a financial duty and a statutory and moral responsibility to "ensure that NHS funds are used to meet the needs of the greatest possible number of patients".

Hollie: died at home after award was made

"While we have no wish to cause further distress to the Calladine family at this difficult time, our responsibilities for the proper use of public funds mean we must be certain that all resources available to us are used where they can benefit patients."

The authority said that it would not contest the element of damages agreed as part of the total settlement for the pain and suffering and costs of care experienced during Hollie's lifetime. Instead, it would look at the amount allowed for her long-term care during her expected lifetime.

Dr Woodin said that the courts should decide the amount that should be reclaimed. "Funds were allocated for a purpose which no longer exists. The money concerned would be available for patient care. I feel that having taken legal advice we have no choice. We have a moral and financial duty as custodians of public funds."

Mr Balen said that had Hollie lived longer than either party's experts had during the court hearing had expected there would have been no question of her parents going back to court to ask for more money.

DAVID JONES

Toni Calladine at Nottingham Health Authority's headquarters yesterday

Doctors say they have healing licked

By Nigel Hawkes

LICKING a wound really does make it better, and a group of doctors from St Bartholomew's Hospital in London claim to know the reason.

Dr Nigel Benjamin and colleagues suggest in *The Lancet* that licking produces nitric oxide, a powerful antibiotic which reduces the risk of infection. The instinct to lick is common to humans and animals.

The doctors believe that the salivary glands produce nitrates which are converted into nitrites on the tongue. When acidified, nitrites are turned into nitric oxide. The skin is acid, so they speculate that it creates germ-killing nitric oxide from saliva.

To test the idea, they measured nitric oxide production on the hands of 14 volunteers when they were licked, comparing the result to bathing the hands in a salt solution. They found that licking increased the amount of nitric oxide by a much greater extent than did salt solution.

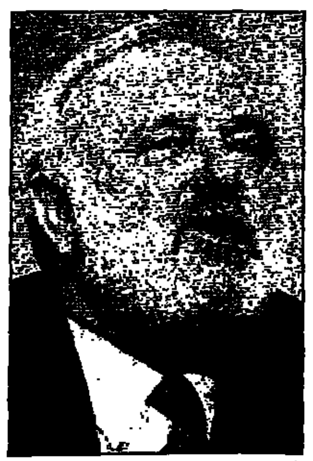
Save £80m to gain £5m, Dobson tells NHS trusts

By Ian Murray, Medical Correspondent

HEALTH service managers were yesterday offered £5 million extra to spend on beds for sick children this year provided they save £80 million by making redundancies and cutting red tape.

Frank Dobson, the Health Secretary, travelled to Cardiff to tell the annual conference of the Institute of Health Services Management about the extra £5 million, which is enough to provide 20 paediatric intensive-care beds. Before leaving London, he received a warning from one large acute hospital that any further cuts were impossible and that a feeling of despair was spreading among the dedicated staff.

Mr Dobson's speech to an audience representing leaders of the health service bureaucracy that Labour strongly criticised throughout the election campaign made it plain that for the foreseeable future they could expect no extra money to run the service beyond what they save themselves. He told the managers: "Removing the paper chase . . . means taking hard decisions about management costs."



Savings proposed by Dobson, above, will not work, says Macara

By arriving after the other main speakers, he missed Dr Sandy Macara, chairman of the British Medical Association, telling delegates that it was ludicrous to expect the service to make savings year after year.

"Efficiency is the enemy of effectiveness," Dr Macara said. "We are not going to make cost savings by reducing bureaucracy. We have good managers and we need to redeploy them. We are already making the best use of inadequate resources."

Christine Hancock, general secretary of the Royal College of Nursing, said that the increasing workloads in hospitals were undermining morale and leading to more nurses leaving the health service. "We have estimated that if trusts could bring down the current turnover rate for nurses to the levels they were in 1992 the average hospital could save over £500,000 a year."

The institute's survey on the outstanding repair bill for NHS hospitals was handed to Mr Dobson for his consideration. The £2.4 billion figure is widely considered by managers to be a gross underestimate with the true backlog in excess of £10 billion. The BMA says that £1 billion a year is needed in each of the next five years just to bring the service up to average levels for the rest of the developed world.

A warning to Mr Dobson from Dr Peter Richards, medical director, and Michael Gumpel, chairman, of Northwick Park Hospital and St Mark's NH Trust at Harrow is published today in the *British Medical Journal*. It says: "With the best of intentions we cannot sustain current services with even less than current resources. We cannot maintain morale without light at the end of the tunnel."

They say that their problems are similar to those facing hospitals nationwide. "The current very high bed occupancy leaves no margin for surges in demand and is putting unremitting and damaging pressure on all staff."

The letter catalogues a series of increasing pressures on their hospital's services. They say that accident and emergency attendences increased by 7 per cent last year and by about 10 per cent so far this year. "Urgent patients are not seen soon enough and at peak times less urgent patients may wait several hours."

Emergency admissions increased by 11 per cent last year and 17 per cent this year. Efforts to reduce the length of time patients need to remain in hospital is frustrated because so many of them are elderly and because of the diminishing capacity of social services to find long-stay accommodation for them. The number of beds blocked by delayed discharges in this way has increased over the year by 55 per cent.

Dr Richards and Mr Gumpel say that they have already taken all steps to maximise income and have been forced to make extensive savings. "Our colleagues instructed us to protest vigorously that we cannot maintain services while continuing to cut costs. We hope we have left you in no doubt about our concern and feeling of despair . . . we do not seek confrontation but we and most other hospital doctors are not prepared to destroy what we have all worked so hard to achieve."

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Impoverished Lady Hamilton claimed credit for Trafalgar

BY JOHN VINCENT

Lady Hamilton wrote a begging letter to the Prince Regent

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In the account she claims indirect credit for the British Fleet's victory at the Nile in 1798, for convincing Nelson to attack at Copenhagen three years later, and even for persuading him against his will to take command of the Fleet for Trafalgar, in 1805.

She recounts in vivid detail her services from 1791 to 1813 and affirms — "without fear of exaggeration" — that her losses in serving her country amounted to £20,000, a fortune in those days.

Now, 184 years after they were written, her working manuscripts — one with numerous crossings-out and the other a revised version — have surfaced from private ownership to appear at a Sotheby's literature sale in London on July 17, where they are expected to fetch up to £22,000.

The manuscripts, written in a secretarial hand, were probably drawn up by a lawyer. However, they bear Emma Hamilton's signature and are almost certainly based on her autobiographical account of her services to Britain and her relationship with Nelson.

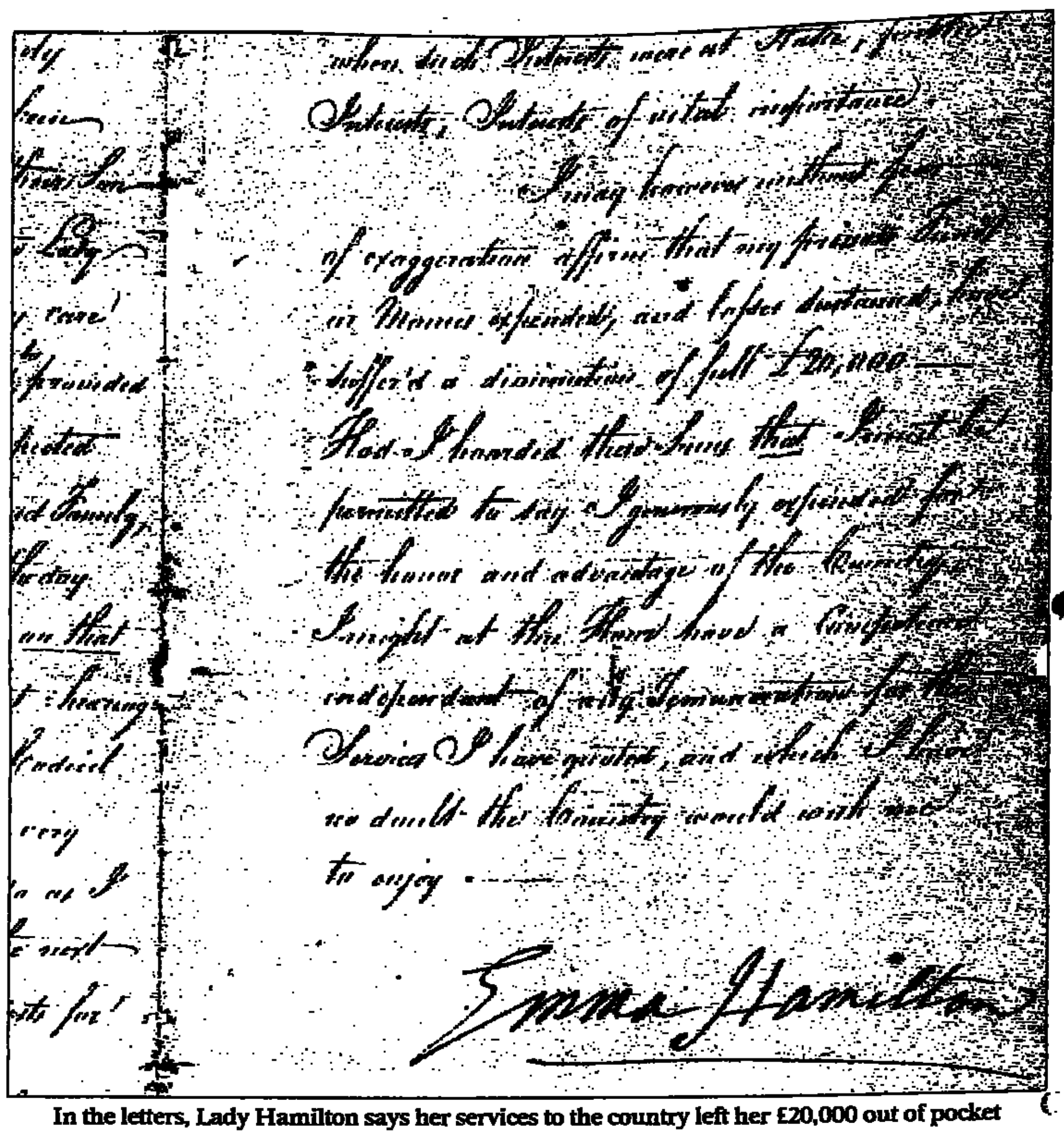
Emma Hamilton, the daughter of a Cheshire labourer, was one of the great beauties of her age. She met Nelson in Naples, where she lived with and married Sir William Hamilton, envoy to the court in Naples. She and Nelson became lovers and in 1801 their daughter was born. On Nelson's death, and despite his wish that she be taken care of financially, she soon became destitute, depending on the kindness of friends to stave off her creditors. By 1813, when she wrote the "memorials", she and her 12-year-old daughter had already been confined for debt to "within the rules of the King's Bench" and Lady Hamilton was physically ill and depressed.

She claims to have supplied Nelson's fleet with provisions and made it possible for him to follow the French and secure victory at the Nile. According to the account: "I went to the Queen, who received me in her Bed ... I told her the Sicilies [sic] must be lost, if Nelson was not supplied ... nothing could exceed the alarm, with which this Communication inspir'd her ... I *dictated* and she *wrote* a positive Order ... to receive with hospitality the British Fleet to Water, Victual etc.

"The Admiral's reply in my hands says 'that he received the precious Order and that if he gain'd a Battle it should be called *mine* and the *Queen's* for to *you* I will owe my Success'."

She says she acted as Nelson's secretary and interpreter, writing for him "from Morning until Night translating whole Papers and Documents in various languages". She entreated Nelson to participate in the attack on Copenhagen and to take command of the Fleet in 1805, "which terminated in his last glorious but fatal Victory at Trafalgar. I have proof that he would never have been at the one or the other but at my instance [sic]."

Dr Peter Beal, of Sotheby's, said: "Even despite her perceptible inaccuracies and exaggerations, these manuscripts represent an extraordinary first-hand witness to a relationship which constitutes one of the great love stories in history."



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Service I have quoted, and which I have
no doubt the Country would wish me
to enjoy —

Emma Hamilton

In the letters, Lady Hamilton says her services to the country left her £20,000 out of pocket

Route of plutonium flights to be reviewed

THE Government is to review the flight paths of aircraft flying radioactive nuclear waste across the country. The Transport Minister, Gavin Strang, announced the move yesterday after a 30-minute meeting with the Labour MP Denis MacShane.

Mr MacShane is calling for a ban on the flights to Sellafield, Cumbria, amid growing fears that an aircraft crash could threaten millions of lives and contaminate huge tracts of the country for generations. Mr MacShane, whose Rotherham constituency lies under the path of the flights, said after the meeting that he was "very pleased" with Dr Strang's response.

"He understands the seriousness of public concern and has promised to review the flight paths so that they will not go over densely populated areas, and to look at the security of the plutonium containers so they meet the highest international standards," Mr MacShane said.

Concern centres on a proposal by British Nuclear Fuels to fly plutonium waste from Europe and Japan to its new recycling plant at Sellafield. The plant would enrich the plutonium and then return it. Environmentalists, including Friends of the Earth, are calling for an immediate halt to the trade.

Brothers' male nanny faces jail for abuse

TWO boys were sexually abused by a male nanny, recruited from an agency, as they were read bedtime stories.

The nanny, Garry Cameron, 30, was told yesterday that he faced jail after being convicted of indecently assaulting the boys, aged 9 and 11. Lincoln Crown Court heard that the offences happened within weeks of him being recruited from Yorkshire Nannies to live with the boys and their father.

The mother, who had split up from the father, said in a statement: "The agency mentioned that Garry was keen on football. He seemed like the ideal person. The agency assured me they would check his references."

Cameron, from Peterborough, denied that he had behaved improperly with the boys. The jury took 30 minutes to convict him of all five charges. Adjourning sentence for reports, Judge Richard Jenkins granted Cameron bail but said: "Be under no illusions. I have prison in mind."

Christine Brain, of Yorkshire Nannies in Doncaster, said afterwards: "We have been in business for 26 years and have never had anything like this. His references were checked by a senior consultant."

Strawberries by the lorryload

WEEKEND SHOPPING

THE English strawberry season has now got into full stride. Sainsbury's has introduced cups of ready-cut strawberries sold with an accompanying pot of Jersey cream, and a bowl of whole strawberries containing a Belgian chocolate dipping sauce. Meanwhile, Tesco calculates that the strawberries it alone sells this summer would fill 250 container lorries.

Prices start from about 55p for a ½lb punnet. This week's advertised promotions include:

Asda: rump steak £6.99 kg, turkey stir-fry £1.49 for 320g, mushrooms 49p for 250g, new potatoes 49p for 2.5 kg, plums 99p kg.

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Marks & Spencer: four roast chicken breasts £3.99 for 454g, honey and mustard gammon steak £2.29 for 12oz, six salmon fillets £7.99 for 680g, Jersey Royals 99p kg, tarte au citron £2.49 for 500g, extra thick double cream 89p 10oz, Oudinot champagne £9.99.

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Safeway: topside/silverside/top rump £5.29 kg, Melton Mowbray medium pork pies 79p each, wafer-thin honey roast turkey £1.69 for 400g, strawberries £1.29 for 454g, peaches £1.49 punnet, large mangoes £1.29 for two.

Sainsbury's: whole chicken £2.75 for 1.5kg, chicken fillets £4.25 for four, rump steak £6.49 kg, salmon fillet £3.95 for 480g, asparagus tips £1.69 for 100g, UK tomatoes 69p for six, red peppers £1.09 lb.

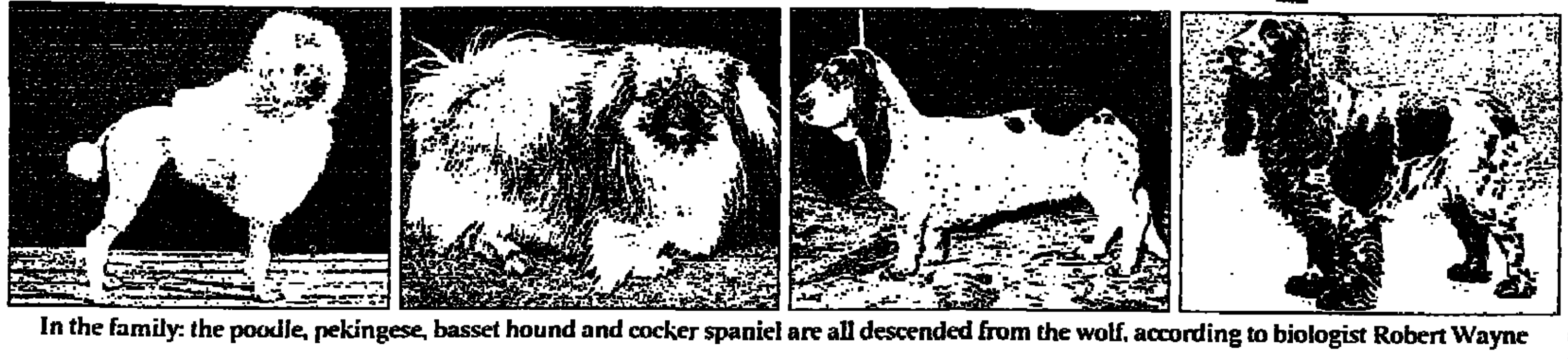
Somerfield: turkey breast steaks £2.39 for four (450g), smoked haddock fillet £3.72 kg, hot and spicy ribs and wings £1.99 for 680g, Jersey Royals 19p lb, sweetcorn £1.09 for two, flat mushrooms 99p for 250g, Granny Smith apples 34p lb, oranges 95p for 1.5kg.

Tesco: Scottish topside £5.99 kg, pork loin steaks £5.49 kg, boneless leg of pork £2.99 kg, haddock fillet £1.95lb, seafood cocktail 59p ¼lb, Scottish whelks £1.99 lb, broccoli 69p lb, aubergines 59p each, satsumas 79p lb, Jersey Royals 19p lb, Packham pears 99p kg.

Waitrose: Aberdeen Angus beefburgers 79p for 170g, frozen steak and kidney pies £1.45 for four (568g), mangetout peas £1.09 for 250g, butternut squash 59p lb, dwarf courgettes 99p for 200g, aubergines 69p lb, mushrooms 99p for 450g, Braeburn apples 49p lb, Triumph pears 39p lb, Cornish ice cream £1.99 for 2ltr.

ROBIN YOUNG

Genetics exposes the wild past of man's best friend



In the family: the poodle, pekingese, basset hound and cocker spaniel are all descended from the wolf, according to biologist Robert Wayne

Dogs may have been domesticated ten times longer than thought, **Nigel Hawkes** reports

THE dog may have been man's best friend for more than 100,000 years, ten times longer than archaeologists believe. A genetic study has confirmed that all dogs are descended from the wolf, with no contribution from jackals or coyotes. The evidence also suggests that domestication occurred in only two places.

Moreover, the study indicates that domestication took place 135,000 years ago — whereas the earliest dog remains found by archaeologists are only 14,000 years old. If so, modern man had tamed the dog by the time he began to leave Africa about 100,000 years ago.

A team led by the biologist Robert Wayne, of the University of California in Los Angeles, examined samples from 162 wolves from around the world, as well as 140 dogs belonging to 67 different breeds. From the animals, they worked out the sequence of the mitochondrial DNA — a form of DNA which is passed down unchanged through the female line.

In *Science*, they report that the sequences from dogs are much closer to those of wolves than they are to coyotes or jackals, which means that wolves alone are the source of all today's dogs.

They were also able to classify the dog DNA sequences into four distinct groups. For two of these groups, it was possible to trace the ancestry back to two common ancestor wolves. Three-quarters of all the dogs examined — including many common breeds — originated from one ancestor, indicating that most of today's dog breeds have a single "mother wolf" back in the distant past. But other dogs originated from a separate wolf ancestor, indicating that wolves were domesticated independently in two places. In the fourth group, dogs show more recent vulpine ancestry, because in these cases wolves mated with dogs after domestication, introducing more wolf genes.

Identifying exactly where domestication occurred proved impossible, since none of the wolves living today had DNA patterns matching those of the dogs. A larger sample of wolves might provide clues, but it is equally possible that the mother wolf belonged to a population now extinct.

The most controversial part of the analysis is the dating of domestication, which comes from analysing the mitochondrial DNA. While it does not change from generation to generation, this form of DNA does slowly mutate, at a rate that can be estimated. This means that the diversity of DNA found today is an index of how long it is since today's dogs had a common ancestor.

The report has been greeted with some scepticism. "There are no animal bones suggesting domesticated dogs — or domesticated anything — remotely approaching that time," the anthropologist Dr Richard Klein of Stanford University said.

But Dr Wayne argues that dogs do not appear in the archaeological record until 14,000 years ago because until that time they looked like wolves. Not until man settled in communities did the dog begin to change, getting smaller and developing a shorter muzzle. If so, many remains classified as those of wolves could have been family pets.

Cure for snorers does not lie with sleeping dogs

MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

THE bulldog's laboured breathing and noisy snoring is not only of interest to vets. Professor Sigrid Veasy of the University of Pennsylvania reported this week to a San Francisco conference on sleep about her investigations into the role of serotonin, a neuro transmitter, in the underlying causes of the dogs' noisy breathing.

When awake, the dog's serotonin levels are high: it may snuffle and snort but does not, of course, snore. Once asleep the serotonin levels fall, the muscles around the airways relax and the dog snores. Dr Veasy hopes to extend the success she has had treating dogs with drugs to boost serotonin levels, thereby quieting their breathing, to help humans.

Tom McKay is a consultant chest physician at the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh, which is treating 1,000 patients who have sleep apnoea, a potentially dangerous form of snoring. With the crescendo variety, snoring becomes louder and louder until there is a sudden pause in breathing: the cycle is then repeated. This leaves the patient tired and a poor performer, and at risk of accidents.

In the long term, sleep apnoea is associated with raised blood pressure and increased incidence of heart attacks and strokes. Very occasionally, breathing does not restart and may account for a small number of unexplained sudden deaths during sleep.

Dr McKay has reservations about the possibility that lessons may be learnt from animal trials. He said: "The problems of noisy snoring and sleep apnoea are very complicated. It is possible that neuro transmitters do play a part but the underlying cause of the slackened muscles is not fully understood and may not be the same in every case."

Serotonin affects different parts of the brain, including the cortex. Some of the effect it may have on snoring in bulldogs may be because it alters the sleep pattern. In people that could worsen the difficulties caused by daytime sleepiness which results in much of the disability experienced by patients with sleep apnoea.

Dr McKay gave warning about surgery on the airways of heavy snorers. That may silence about 50 per cent of snorers and provide a more peaceful night for spouses but it does not take away the risk. The patient may no longer snore loudly but the hazardous pattern of nocturnal breathing usually remains — silent sleep apnoea is as dangerous as noisy apnoea.

Dr McKay says patients who are heavy snorers and have sleep apnoea should drink less, lose weight, stop smoking and see a chest physician with a special interest in sleep. A physician can investigate the cause of the trouble and if the patient's health is in danger arrange for them to have a continuous positive pressure airway machine. The machine corrects the apnoea, removes the snoring and partners find the low hum from the machine an acceptable price to pay for the end of snoring.

Parasites bugged Ancient Egyptians

By Nigel Hawkes, science editor

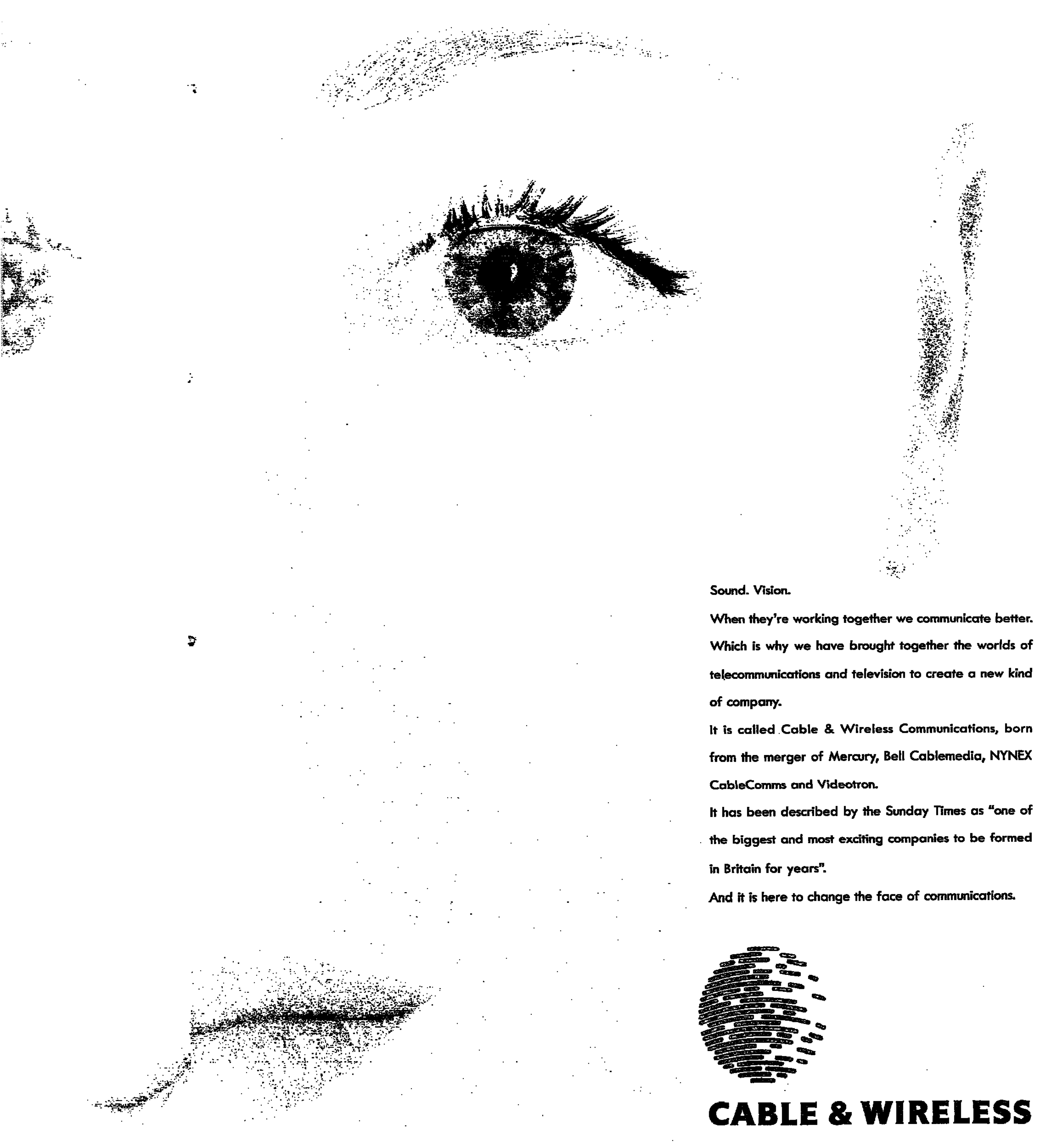
THE Ancient Egyptians may have been spared the scourges of cancer, tuberculosis, syphilis and even tooth decay, but they were martyrs to parasites, a study of mummies has shown. Worms, flukes and the protozoa responsible for malaria were common problems for them, just as they are for their modern descendants, says Dr Rosalie David, of Manchester University museum, in *The Lancet*.

Yet there is little evidence of infectious or sexually transmitted diseases such as TB or syphilis, she says. Teeth are worn because the bread contained sand and other impurities, but decay was rare.

Dr David directs the Egyptian mummy research programme at the museum, which uses modern medical techniques, from X-rays to endoscopy, to investigate the mummies. Among the parasites found were *Plasmodium falciparum*, which causes malaria, the worm *Echinococcus granulosus*, which causes liver and lung infections, and *Trichinella*, which causes intestinal infections.

At least two mummies have been found to have calcium deposits in their bladders, suggesting they had been infected with the parasitic worm *Schistosoma haematobium*. The water-borne organism, which can cause fever and kidney failure, today infects 300 million people worldwide, including 20 per cent of the population of Egypt.

Researchers are now examining rehydrated mummy tissue to identify which *Schistosoma* species have caused infections over the past several thousand years. Dr David said: "Egypt provides an unparalleled opportunity to study the history of disease, because there is an abundance of skeletal and mummified human material. Also, since the modern population of Egypt has not substantially altered since antiquity, it is possible through study of the epidemiology of certain diseases over 5,000 years to understand disease evolution."



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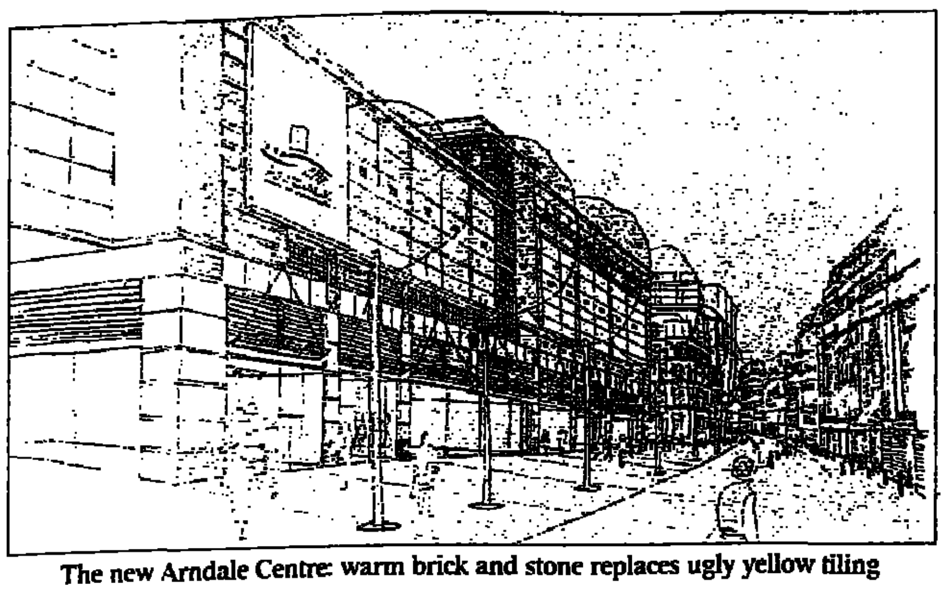

The new Arndale Centre: warm brick and stone replaces ugly yellow tiling

Manchester defies IRA with blueprint for new city centre

REPORTS BY RUSSELL JENKINS

A BUNDLE of building plans will be dedicated on the altar of Manchester Cathedral on Sunday, the first anniversary of the city's IRA bomb. Yesterday planners unveiled the designs for the rebirth of Manchester's commercial heart.

Marks and Spencer is to build the biggest store in its empire, with 250,000 square feet of shopfloor on the site of the building demolished by the biggest explosion in mainland Britain since the war. The massive glazed structure will look out on a new-style Arndale Centre. The 1970s shopping complex, once denigrated as the "longest lavatory wall in Europe", will lose its ugly yellow tiling. The new complex will boast warm Manchester brick and stone and shops will open outwards into the street.

Marks and Spencer executives said that they hoped the store would be open by Christmas. Construction work on the Arndale Centre should be complete by the same time and the shops handed back to tenants.

Sir Alan Cockshaw, chairman of Manchester Millennium, the company set up to oversee the rebuilding, said: "Today a new vision for Manchester can be seen to emerge from the tragedy." He will lay the plans on the cathedral altar during Sunday's ceremony, which will be televised live. Victims of the explosion, firefighters, police, ambulance crews and public will gather for the service of commemoration and reflection.

Richard Leese, leader of Manchester City Council, will plant the first tree in what will be known as New Cathedral Park. On Saturday, the Lord Mayor's Parade will be dedicated to the spirit of the city.

It was a busy, bustling Saturday morning in the middle of the Euro 96 championships, one year ago, when the emergency services began receiving coded warnings about the general location of a bomb. At 10.02am, a young WPC, Wendy McCormick, identified a white van parked outside Marks and Spencer as the bomb carrier. Police, fire crews and security guards began the mammoth task of moving disbelieving shoppers, visitors and football fans away from the danger zone.

They were still pressing people back when the 3,300lb bomb exploded at 11.15am, sending a plume of greyish-brown smoke hundreds of feet into the air, injuring 220 people and destroying buildings in a half-mile radius. The Royal Insurance Building lost its façade.

In the silence of the immediate aftermath, people remember glass cascading from high-rise office blocks and shattering on the road below. The bomb destroyed 49,000 square metres of shops and 57,000 square metres of offices, displacing 670 businesses. Most of the injuries were minor cuts and it is estimated that the swift evacuation saved up to 80,000 lives.

The project to rebuild Manchester began almost immediately. A task force was set up and Manchester Millennium was formed. A Lord Mayor's appeal raised £2.5 million, which was used to put 710 traders and small businesses back on their feet.

A Union flag continues to fly on scaffolding at the epicentre of the blast, which remains a building site. So far the Government has pledged £63 million of the £83 million which, with £340 million private investment, is required to transform the city centre into a traffic-free area of pavement cafés, winter gardens and riverside walks.

Pat Karney, an Irish Mancunian and chairman of the council's city centre committee, said: "We will be putting on a bright face, but thousands might have died. Today we could still have been a city in mourning. That is why we will never forgive the IRA."

'No point dwelling on past'

CATHY MALCOLM, 32, was three months pregnant with her daughter Bethany when the bomb exploded as she cycled to her antique clothing stall at the Corn Exchange.

She said: "Like everyone else, I panicked. I remember nearly falling off the bike as shards of glass fell about me."

Her business, built up over ten years, was wiped out. She salvaged a few items and, with cash from the Lord Mayor's Fund and £1,000 from the Prince of Wales, moved to the Coliseum Shopping Centre.

Bethany was born six weeks premature on November 26. "At first I wanted to blame the bombers for what they had put us through but I decided there was no point dwelling on the past," she said.

'I can't bear to go back there'

MELANIE RUSSELL was heavily pregnant with Kay-Leigh Roseanne when she went into Manchester city centre with her mother on a shopping expedition. She has never been back.

The 24-year-old from Heywood, near Rochdale, heard an "almighty bang" followed by a gust of air that lifted her off her feet and threw her 15ft against a post. Fearful for her unborn child, she panicked.

She became hysterical when she could not feel her baby moving and the doctors failed to pick up a heartbeat. She was given a sedative and as she relaxed the medical team discovered that the impact of the blast had pushed the baby into an awkward position. Kay-Leigh Roseanne was born on June 28. "I am just glad to be alive," Ms Russell said. However, neither she nor her mother can bear to travel into the city. "I still find it upsetting," she said. "I cannot recall the events without crying."

First fireman feared carnage

FIRE Officers Iain Ainsworth, left, and Martin Sykes feared the worst when their Green Watch was the first to arrive at the scene of the devastation. As Mr Sykes ran up the stairs of the Royal Insurance Building a fleeing survivor told him there were dead bodies strewn among the rubble.

His horror rose as he reached the second floor and saw the office workers prone in the dust. Miraculously, they were all alive.

The first one he came to was Barbara Welch, who suffered the worst injuries of the day, with her face was slashed to ribbons by flying glass. "She said, 'What has happened? I have gone blind', said Mr Sykes, 36. The fireman, who was only 150 yards away from the blast, has rejected the professional counselling available to all the crews, thinking instead that the best therapy was a long chat with his fellow officers the next day. On Sunday the same team are going out for a meal with wives and girlfriends.

Baby is symbol of survival

THE picture of baby Sam Hughes cradled by a security guard as his mother rushed to hug him became the compelling image of the bombing.

Sam was only a few months old when he was injured by shattered glass from the Habitat window in the city centre. There was no lasting damage except for a little lump on his fingers which sometimes gets stuck in his toys. Since then he has often been bewildered by the fuss made of him by the media and once met Mary Robinson, the Irish President.

Perry Hughes, his father, said: "He is superb and has come on really well. The doctors tell us he was just too young for it to have had an effect." Mr Hughes, a fashion wholesaler from Worsley, Greater Manchester, made a point of returning to the city centre the day after the bomb to pick up his car and Sam's pram. "I thought it was important not to have hang ups about coming into Manchester," he said.

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Tory contenders face grilling by backbench MPs

By Andrew Pierce, Political Correspondent

THE Tory leadership contenders have agreed to face a cross-examination by the entire parliamentary party on the eve of Tuesday's second round ballot.

The question-and-answer forum, which will be held behind closed doors, could have a decisive outcome on the ballot among rightwing Tory MPs. Many are still angered by the decision of Peter Lilley and Michael Howard to desert John Redwood in favour of William Hague, the man they see as having the better chance of beating Kenneth Clarke. "It could be a real cliffhanger," one MP said.

Europe is expected to dominate the session after Mr Hague firmed up his opposition yesterday to a single currency, which he said he could not support as Prime Minister. The move was seen as a tactical blunder by Mr Clarke's supporters. Mr Hague has made clear that only MPs who back his opposition to the euro could serve in his Shadow Cabinet. This appears to exclude Mr Clarke and would make the task of reuniting the party even more difficult.

Agreement on the question time session was reached yesterday after a late conversion by Mr Hague. Only 24 hours earlier his supporters had objected, at a meeting of the backbench 1922 Committee, to an identical plan by Mr Redwood's team. "It was a Redwood put-up job," one Hague supporter said.

Mr Hague fell into line after both Mr Clarke and Mr Redwood agreed to take part. It is being organised by the Eurosceptic Bill Cash, who voted for Mr Redwood in the first round.

Mr Redwood, the only candidate to have supported calls for a debate rather than the format now agreed, said: "I relish the chance to answer colleagues' questions. I would have preferred to debate the issue with Ken and William but they were not so keen."

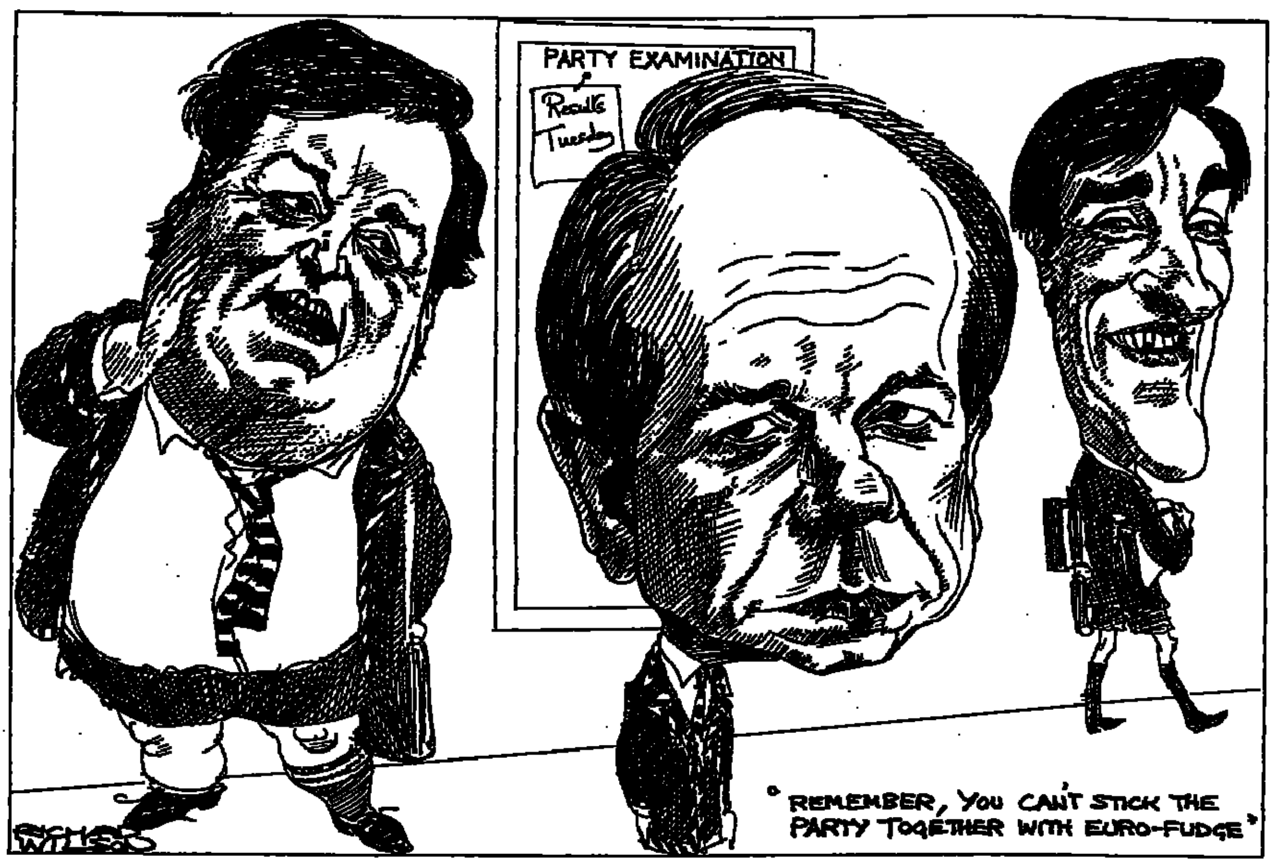
Mr Hague, who yesterday secured the backing of the former Chancellor Norman Lamont, will face a tough time from some rightwingers after he has delivered his allotted eight-minute address. Questions will last for 15 minutes. The bitterness over the Howard and Lilley deal is still very much in evidence. Some of Mr Redwood's supporters will vote for Mr Clarke rather than Mr Hague if their man is knocked out on Tuesday.

Eurosceptic MPs will challenge Mr Hague over the remarks he made in an interview with BBC Radio 4's *Today* programme yesterday: "My policy would be that I would fight for the Conservative Party's return to office at the next general election on the policy that we would not abolish the pound. I don't think you can get clearer than that." In a further move to try to woo Mr Redwood's supporters he argued for less government from Brussels.

Mr Hague insisted that it would not be possible to say never. "I am not going to use the word 'never'. I don't know in 30 or 40 years' time if we will be in a radically different Europe, or if there will be a radically different proposition for a single currency."

As Europe again overshadowed the leadership contest Mr Clarke, in a letter to Tory MPs, made no apology for his support for a single currency if the terms and timing were right. "There is no point in setting in train any review of policy if the leader sets down its conclusions on vital questions, including Europe, before the process even begins," he said.

"We unite the party if we select a leader who will begin the process on an inclusive basis. We divide the party if we regard the leadership election as deciding key issues before the process has even started." Mr Clarke said he entered the contest with a view to constructing a wide consensus. "The first thing to emphasise is that, as leader, I would put together a team that represented all strands of Conservative thinking in order to carry out the necessary review of policy."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RICHARD WILLSON

Computer kiosk plan for tax and benefits

By Valerie Elliott

PEOPLE will be able to find out details of their tax and benefit affairs at the touch of a button under plans put forward by ministers.

The sharing of information between the Inland Revenue, Customs and Excise and the Department of Social Security is expected to become a permanent feature in Whitehall, possibly leading to a merger of the departments. A technology trial conducted by the Cabinet Office has found that the public like being able to conduct their business with the Government at a one-stop kiosk. The service is of particular benefit to small businessmen who could save time dealing with their affairs in a single computer session.

Ministers will have to reassure the public that personal information is secure and cannot be obtained by other companies or individuals. The integration of tax and benefit information is being examined by a taskforce under Martin Taylor, chief executive of Barclays Bank.

Clarke closest to being the unity candidate

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

None of the three candidates for the Tory leadership can unite the party. That is probably beyond the wit of anyone in the short term. Paradoxically, however, Kenneth Clarke may be able to pull the party together better than either John Redwood or William Hague. The latter is being widely portrayed as *the* unity candidate — the man who can reach sections of the party that others cannot. Many of the criticisms of Mr Hague — of being vague and "John Major with an Oxford first" — are silly and miss the point. Mr Hague does have views. It is rather that his political personality has not been weathered by setbacks and experience.

These criticisms have, perversely, pushed Mr Hague into a position where he may divide rather than unify the party. He has felt the need to sharpen his public stance on Europe to answer the criticisms of the Right. Yesterday Mr Hague said he would "fight the next general election on the platform that we would not abolish the pound. As the leader of the party I would be ruling out as our policy anything other than saying we are against EMU." From personal conversation, I know that this has been his position for some time, but it still did not satisfy some of the Redwoodite ultras who wanted him to use the word "never".

More significantly, Mr Hague's comments annoyed many pro-Europeans who believe that the single currency question must be left open. If Mr Hague wins next week and insists that everyone in his shadow team accepts his anti-EMU line at the next election, then some of the pro-Europeans — possibly including Kenneth Clarke and his close allies — might be unwilling to serve on the front bench. This would leave the Tories looking disunited. Of course, what is said in the heat of a campaign has to be discounted to a large extent, but it would be wrong to assume that the Hague formula will bring unity.

By contrast, Mr Clarke might be better placed. Of course, he would be anathema to a small group of hard-core sceptics, some of whom might form a party within a party. Many, possible a majority of Tory MPs, do not share his views on a single currency. But his precise policy stand is less important than his approach to handling the issue. Partly because his own position is so clearly defined, he can afford not to insist that everyone accepts his view. He has the political strength to work with his critics and rivals.

For all his battling, bruising image, Mr Clarke would involve the Right and has said — in a letter sent to all Tory MPs — that he would "put together a team that represented all strands of Conservative thinking in order to carry out the necessary review of policy". In remarks clearly aimed at his rivals, he said there was "no point in setting in train any review of policy if the leader sets down its conclusions on vital questions, including Europe, before the process even begins. We divide the party if we regard the leadership election as deciding key issues before the process has even started." In the jargon, he wants to be "inclusive".

Mr Clarke has anyway said that he would oppose a weak euro going ahead at all, let alone Britain being part of it. Since it is unlikely that Britain will have to take a decision for some years, the *only sensible course* for a party as divided as the Tories is not to force the issue. Mr Clarke knows that. But his party — or, rather, a large number of Tory MPs — is not in a sensible mood. The end of the leadership campaign may merely mark the start of a new phase of the Tories' troubles.

PETER RIDDELL

Bribery case MP faces party action

By Jill Sherman, Chief Political Correspondent

MOHAMMED SARWAR, the Labour MP accused of bribing a rival election candidate, is expected to be disciplined after an interim report of the party's internal inquiry is discussed on Monday.

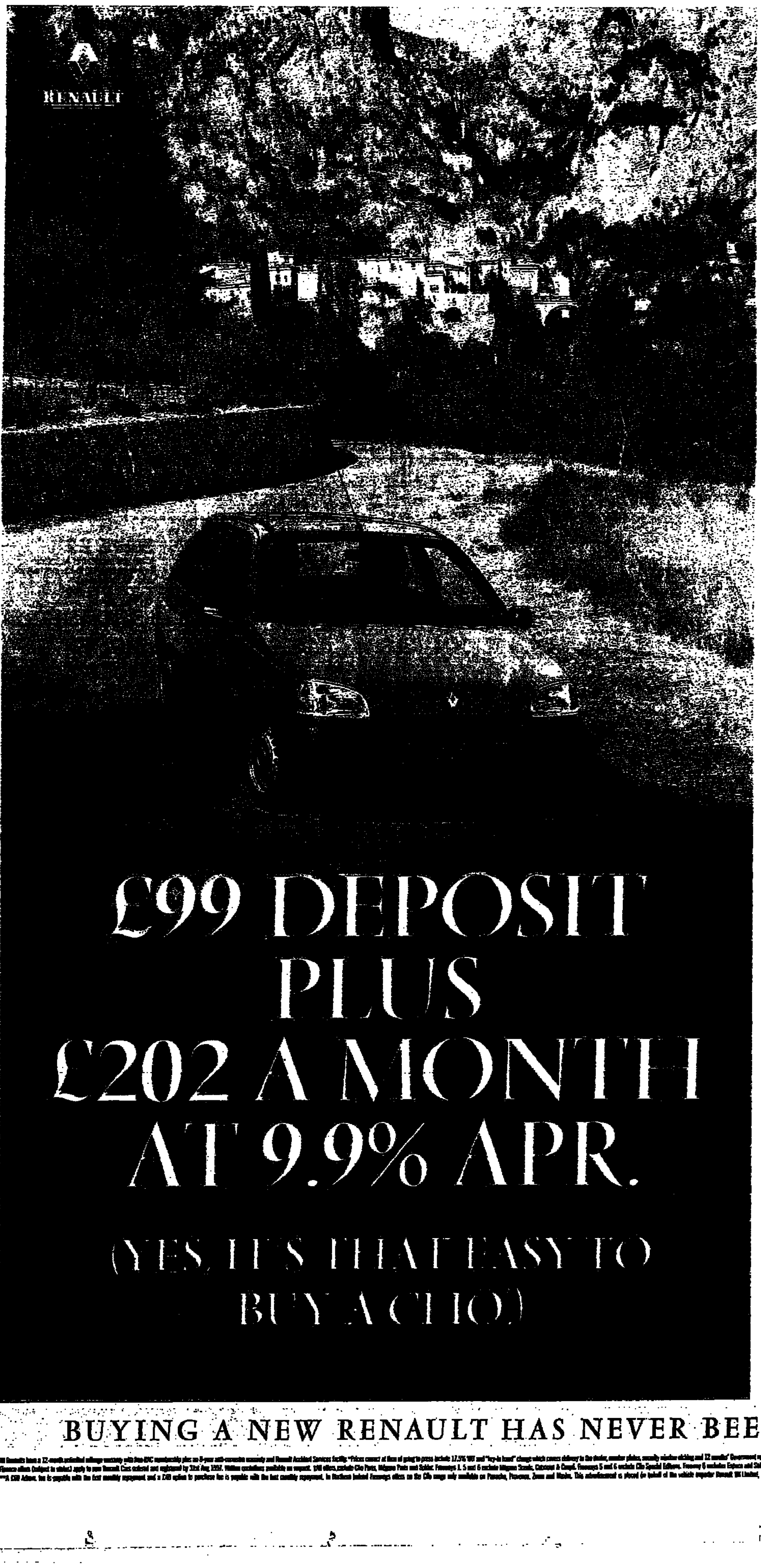
A decision will not be made until next week but it is likely that the party will tell him that he can no longer represent the party at functions or on the Scottish executive.

Mr Sarwar became Britain's first Muslim MP when he was elected for Glasgow Govan on May 1. Then the *News of the World* claimed that he had given Badar Islam, the Independent Labour candidate, £5,000 to "ease off" his campaign and avoid splitting the Muslim vote. Mr Sarwar has admitted giving the money to Mr Islam but says that it was a loan.

Labour's organisational committee, its main disciplinary body, which will discuss the report, does not have the power to withdraw the whip from Mr Sarwar. It is also unlikely that it could expel him unless he was found guilty of criminal charges. The only sanction it can use is to take away the MP's right to represent the party. The inquiry, however, can recommend that the whip be temporarily suspended, a decision that would have to be ratified by the parliamentary party.

Yesterday party officials dismissed suggestions that the inquiry report had been completed but did not rule out the possibility of disciplinary action.

In an interview this week Mr Sarwar said that the allegations against him were "baseless, false and ludicrous".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Marines' striptease brings Cyprus training ban

Drunken antics have shamed the British garrison in Cyprus and added to its public-relations problems, reports **Michael Theodoulou** from Ayia Napa

DAVID MODELL / KATZ

Off-duty British soldiers relax after training in Cyprus. Life can be boring for most in their sunshine posting

LOOKING dishevelled and still clearly hung over as they stood squeezed into the tiny dock at Larnaca court, the three disgraced Royal Marines described it as a harmless joke.

Just hours earlier, while carousing on the last night of an adventure training exercise in Cyprus, they had stripped naked in a packed public house and treated gawping onlookers to a drunken rendition of *God Save the Queen*.

The Cypriot judge told the trio their behaviour had been "offensive to the morals of their host country" and fined each £180.

Harmless their antics were certainly not, agreed the Royal Marine's furious Commandant General, Major-General David Pennefather, who banned the entire 6,000-strong corps from training in Cyprus for an indefinite period. He cited the need to respect local sensitivities and avoid any further incidents.

The ban, due to be reviewed at the end of the year, might strike the casual observer as an over-reaction to what the British bases spokesman in Cyprus originally played down as a "regrettable case of off-duty high jinks".

A wide range of regular and Territorial Army units visit Cyprus virtually back-to-back on training exercises to test what one officer described as "leadership and team skills in a challenging, rugged environment with a hot climate". Royal Marine units, who do jungle training in Brunei and winter exercises in Norway, visit Cyprus twice a year.

The trouble was, last month's incident took place in the same pulsating, neon-lit resort of Ayia Napa where three Royal Green Jackets had been drinking heavily the night they sexually assaulted and battered to death the Danish tour guide, Louise Jensen, in September 1994. The killing in one of Britain's last foreign outposts cast a withering spotlight on the behaviour of Britain's 3,700 troops and airmen stationed on the former colony. And it provoked fury among Greek Cypriots who had long accused the army's top brass of turning a blind eye to the drunken brawling of off-duty Defenders of the Realm. Ayia Napa's central square was even named "The Battlefield" in their dishonour. The Royal Marine ban was generally welcomed by Ayia Napa locals last night. "It seems a bit harsh, but we appreciate the army's gesture. In the past, senior officers would have said 'they're soldiers, what do you expect?'," said Elias Asprou, president of the Restaurateurs' Association. Ironically, the publicity generated by this latest incident belies the improved disciplinary record of off-duty servicemen in Cyprus after an offensive on drunken and loutish behaviour declared by forces commanders after the Jensen killing.

Her death effectively means that British troops in Cyprus have to behave better than they do anywhere else in the world. This puts a huge strain on commanders well aware that many of the rank and file are bored with their sunshine posting and miss the adrenalin rush of dodging bullets in places such as Northern Ireland and Bosnia-Herzegovina.

"The shadow of that dreadful Jensen case will continue to fall on British forces in Cyprus, and we stress most clearly the need from our soldiers that we require the most impeccable and exemplary standards of behaviour here," Mervyn Wynne Jones, the British bases spokesman, said. After Jensen's death, army commanders had declared Ayia Napa out of bounds to all British bases personnel and those serving with the UN's peacekeeping force for months, but as discipline improved the ban was gradually reduced to a curfew and finally lifted last month. "My God, we're busting a gut here to stamp out off-duty indiscipline among long-term soldiers and have had excellent results," said Mr Wynne Jones. "Sadly, there's always the inevitable blip."

In Ayia Napa there has been a mixed reaction to the soldiers' return. Some insist they would be happy never to see a British squaddie again, but many bar-owners missed customers who could down 15 pints a night and are welcoming them back, especially now the island's tourism industry is suffering from falling arrivals, in particular from Britain, traditionally the best market.

"They spend a lot of money, but we expect them to behave like civilised human beings," Mr Asprou said. Even Michaelis Vassiliades, Ms Jensen's Cypriot boyfriend, who was with her the night she was abducted and killed, agreed not all British soldiers were bad. Time has extinguished his fierce anger against the British military: "I've nothing against British soldiers in general."

Central to the campaign to teach soldiers that being macho does not mean outfighting and out-drinking everyone are code of conduct cards, urging control and responsibility. The cards, which were introduced last year, say: 1. Steer clear of trouble. 2. Look after your friends. 3. Think of others. They also include the telephone numbers of military police and taxi companies so drinkers can take a cab back to base.

The theory is that a friend, like a referee, will flash the card at a colleague about to commit a foul. It has been easy to poke fun at the idea. A wag on one local paper suggested the cards should warn: 1. That's a tourist, not a terrorist; 2. One usually does that in the lavatory; and 3. Not everyone wants to see your bum.

Yet the campaign is working. Off-duty British soldiers are now on the receiving end of most of the violence, or subjected to scams by local taxi drivers and pub owners. Last weekend several off-duty soldiers from the recently arrived 1st Battalion, the Light Infantry, were hospitalised after they were set upon by gangs of Greek Cypriot thugs in two separate incidents.

Figures for September 1996 to April 1997 show that off-duty soldiers were "wronged against — that is assaulted, abused or threatened — 39 times," while British troops were responsible for "just five instances of minor indiscipline".

Two years ago, while the Jensen trial was dragging on, a ten-strong group of Cypriots attacked four visiting Royal Marine NCOs with baseball bats. One lost five teeth and was put in hospital for weeks with a smashed jawbone. Only one Cypriot was convicted and fined. Army commanders were outraged by the "light sentence for a serious, deliberate, brutal assault" — but were reluctant to make a fuss while three of their own were on trial for one of the most horrific cases the island has witnessed.

> ‘Squaddies spend a lot of money, but we expect them to behave’

Sinead O'Connor faces death threat

From Christopher Walker in Jerusalem

EXTRAORDINARY security precautions will be in place next week to protect Sinead O'Connor, the Irish singer, when she performs at a peace concert in Jerusalem. A death threat against her is being taken seriously.

The British Embassy said that the threat was received just over a week ago by its security officer: "The caller did not give an identity or a motive. He just said that if she came here, she would be killed. We passed the contents of the call to the Irish Embassy."

Israeli and Western intelligence sources believe that the threat was made on behalf of far-right Jews who are implacably opposed to the purpose of the open-air concert, which is the climax of a week of activities by Israeli leftwingers and Palestinians campaigning for sovereignty over annexed east Jerusalem to be handed back to the Arabs.

Among events to which the concert is linked is a tour designed to expose what the Arabs allege is "the Judaisation of Jerusalem" and a joint Israeli-Palestinian art exhibition entitled "Down with the occupation".

The concert will be preceded by a joint Israeli-Palestinian march from the Damascus Gate in east Jerusalem to the concert site in Israeli west Jerusalem to demand the establishment of a Palestinian state, with east Jerusalem as its capital. The demonstrators will be marching under the banner "Sharing Jerusalem — two capitals for two states". An Israeli organiser said: "We realise that there might be trouble."

Brendan Scannell, the Irish Ambassador, said that he had sent the contents of the threat to Ms O'Connor's agent and to the Israeli police. The concert, tomorrow week, is due to be held in Sultan's Pool, just below the walls of the Old City, which Israel took from Jordan in 1967.

Tension in the area is running high. After prayers at the Wailing Wall on Wednesday to mark Shavuot, a Jewish holiday, hundreds of Jewish youths attacked Palestinian property and smashed windscreens of 18 Arab-owned cars. Police said the destruction sprang from "hatred of Arabs".

☐ **Khan Younis, Gaza Strip:** Israeli soldiers and a Jewish settler wounded four Palestinians yesterday in two separate clashes in the Gaza Strip, Palestinians said. *(Reuter)*

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ADAM HALL, grandson and attorney to racist bomber Sam Cayhall, again appealed for a stay of execution. In a powerful court room statement, he argued the case that the ten days remaining were insufficient for him to discover the identity of an alleged accomplice and details of a cover up.

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Wildlife guardians lament lack of will to halt illegal trade

FROM JAN RAATH IN HARARE

JUAN CARLOS ULARTE / REUTER

Turtles arriving at Ostional beach in Costa Rica for the annual egg-laying. *Rules for protecting wildlife are being flouted internationally*

A HORRIFYING catalogue of smuggled rare species, including pythons concealed in trousers and ten tonnes of whalemeat disguised as mackerel, has been revealed to delegates at the meeting of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species.

The 70-page document issued yesterday lists attempts to traffic in hundreds of species from gila monsters to queen conches, nearly all uncovered in the three years since the last Cites conference in Fort Lauderdale in 1974.

It makes the point that wealthy industrialised countries "are to be blamed as much as developing countries" for ignoring Cites regulations. "A poor economy may be a plausible excuse for inadequate Cites controls in a developing country, but inadequate controls in the developed world are more likely to be the result of a lack of political will."

The most bizarre case of concealment on travellers' bodies were 11 barred pythons seized from a Papua New Guinea national and an American about to board a flight to Australia. The snakes were hidden under their clothes.

The post is increasingly being used to send specimens. Express mail has been discovered as a cheap and risk-free method to ship live reptiles, insects and plants, as well as ivory and oriental medicines.

In January last year, United States authorities found specimens of black-headed pythons in Federal Express and Australian Post parcels sent from Australia to the US. They later uncovered a racket run by four collectors who had shipped hundreds of reptiles to America over several years.

In October 1994, 139lb of ivory pieces from Zaire was picked up in parcels posted from there to Belgium.

The Cites secretariat says it is concerned about cases of illegal movement of live animals, particularly of primates. It details the seizure of a chimpanzee, as well as four parrots, in Cameroon from a passenger flying from Congo Brazzaville to Moscow.

Authorities learnt later that another four chimpanzees were offloaded in Cameroon before customs officers could act. When the aircraft landed in Russia, two vervet monkeys and another primate were seized from a Congolese dipomat. On the same flight a few days later, three chimpanzees and a gorilla were confiscated from passengers waiting to board at Brazzaville.

Two Pakistanis on a flight from Pakistan were waiting to collect their checked-in baggage in the Philippines when customs officials checked and found a gorilla, two drills, two patas monkeys, four vervet monkeys and an unidentified baboon.

The report says there has been a significant increase recently in meat from primates and reptiles shipped to Europe for sale in African restaurants.

It urges governments to "remind their diplomatic missions" and troops serving with United Nations peacekeeping forces that they have no diplomatic immunity against Cites infringements.

A charity in Djibouti told Cites in May 1994 that French tourists and soldiers based there were buying leopard skins, daggers with rhino horn handles, and artefacts from "many other" protected species. A regiment of French soldiers kept several cheetahs as mascots that travelled regularly to and from France in violation of Cites regulations.

Animal parts still form a major part of the illegal trade. In April last year, Japanese officials intercepted ten tonnes of whalemeat disguised as mackerel. Two years earlier, 1,291lb of Hawksbill turtle shell, declared as "horn and ox hoof", was seized in Japan.

The medicinal powers of tiger bones are still a major draw, indicated by the consignment of 440lb from Singapore, mixed with other animals' bones, that was confiscated by customs officers in South Korea.

Many governments still do not bother to inform Cites of cases of violations. They continue to issue and accept invalid documents. Some issue export permits for far more specimens than are laid down by national quotas. Last year, Cameroon issued export permits for 23,000 grey parrots, against a quota of 12,000.

The report says: "The illegal trade in ivory continues at a very high level and shows signs of increasing further." It says Cites is concerned that "only a small part of this trade" is detected by governments. It cites the poaching of 300 elephants in Congo Brazzaville recently, and says that none of the ivory from the animals killed has emerged in the trade.

The largest consignment listed by the report is 216 tusks from Angolan elephants found in a military vehicle in Zambia in August 1994.

Ivory is more difficult to detect when cut into small pieces. In August 1994, a shipment was seized of more than 220lb of pieces, painted to look like wood. French customs in February 1995 found six tusks, three of them carved, concealed in shipments of melons from Chad.

The report speaks of the growing sophistication of illegal wildlife traders, who carry specimens on their persons, pack them in hand luggage and checked luggage, and use false compartments. There is also an increasing use of drugs administered to live specimens to subdue them during travel.

☐ **"Greens" accused:** Zimbabwe's state media accused some Western environmental pressure groups of threatening to block aid to African states supporting its proposal to resume trade in ivory. But the accused denied the charge, saying Zimbabwe was "making it all up" after encountering strong Cites opposition to its proposal. *(Reuter)*

Britain rejects early Hong Kong entry of more Beijing troops

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

BRITAIN has rejected a demand from Beijing for more Chinese garrison troops to enter Hong Kong before the colony's handover at midnight on June 30.

A sudden announcement by a senior Chinese official of the intention to move the soldiers in early appeared in *Ta Kung Pao*, Hong Kong's main Beijing-controlled newspaper.

Zhang Junsheng, the deputy director of the New China News Agency, Peking's de facto embassy here, said: "The People's Liberation Army (PLA) should be in Hong Kong barracks before the zero hour on July 1 so that, after the completion of the handover ceremony, they can take up defence responsibilities."

Though Mr Zhang said that Britain and China "were discussing the issue", the Foreign Office said: "There is no question of Britain agreeing to the deployment of the main PLA garrison before July 1." It insisted that "Britain bears sole responsibility for Hong Kong until midnight on June 30". A Foreign Office spokesman said the two sides were holding talks, but declined to say whether more troops might enter the city before the handover. The possibility surprised officials, who insisted it has been assumed that the present advance party of 196 soldiers were all that would arrive before the handover. They observed that there had never been discussion with the Chinese about further deployments before July 1.

The officials note that Chinese diplomats have not specified how strong the garrison would ultimately be — 10,000 is a common guess; when it would arrive; and what sort of weapons it would deploy. Two days ago, a senior security official, in a briefing to the Legislative Council, said none of these details were known.

Beijing's justification for the early entry of its forces is that the last British troops would not leave for several hours after the handover. "But the British refuse to let the PLA move into their barracks early," said *Wen Wei Po*, another Beijing-funded paper. "This is unfair."

☐ **Political setback:** Hong Kong's Democratic Party suffered a defeat when a High Court judge denied it permission to contest the legality of the China-appointed Provisional Legislature.

Robin Cook, page 20

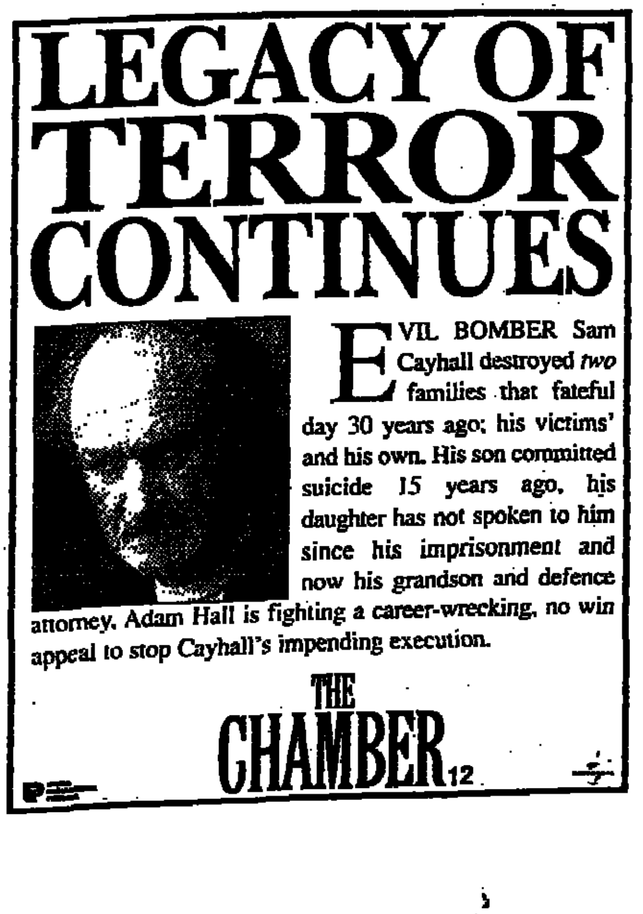
Pakistan warns India of threat to new talks

FROM ZAHID HUSSAIN
IN KARACHI

PAKISTAN accused India of escalating tension and issued a warning that military activities might jeopardise holding of the next round of talks between the two rivals.

Gauhar Ayub Khan, the Pakistani Foreign Minister, said yesterday that Delhi's decision to deploy medium-range missiles near Pakistan's border and repeated violations of its airspace by the Indian Air Force were causing concern. He also referred to a recent military clash on the "line of control" in Kashmir that left one Pakistani army major dead.

In response to the allegations, the Indian Foreign Ministry denied any provocation. Mr Khan refused to confirm whether the talks would proceed next week.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Mice given green light to assist scientists

By Nigel Hawkes
Science Editor

JAPANESE scientists have produced mice that glow green under artificial light.

By taking a gene from a fluorescent jellyfish found in the Pacific and incorporating it into the embryo of a mouse, the team from Osaka University's Microbiology Disease Research Institute says that it has produced the world's first glowing mammals.

Five of the mice were born earlier this week, and will be used for research in which cells, such as tumorous ones, can be "tagged" with the fluorescence gene and easily traced. A British team at Cambridge has already proved this can be done with human cells in culture.

The Osaka team say their baby mice emit green light from their entire bodies, but that it fades as they grow hair. Adult mice continue to glow around their feet and mouths, where relatively little hair grows.

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Baby mice at Osaka University which have had a jellyfish gene incorporated

Child suicide commandos call tune in Freetown

From Anthony Loyd in Freetown

THE headquarters of the Sierra Leone coup leader, Major Johnny Paul Koromah, and his henchmen must rank as one of the most confused military bases in Africa.

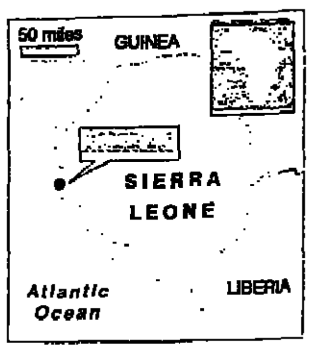
The officers who sit on the rebel Armed Forces Revolutionary Council (AFRC) are big on rhetoric but appear to know little, if anything, of the coup agenda or the state of political negotiations. Under their rule, Freetown has slipped into paralysis. Few shops are open and looting and anti-looting squads chase each other like the Keystone Cops, dealing out summary executions and beatings.

Sierra Leone is not without an agenda, but what passes for it is not dictated by the AFRC. It is the hard-eyed fighters of the Revolutionary United Front (RUF) who wield disproportionate influence in talks on the future.

Invited out of the bush after six years of war by their former regular army foes in the AFRC, the RUF has flocked in their thousands. There are more than 5,000 outside Freetown, a numerical balance that favours them against the AFRC soldiers. Formed in the late 1980s by a disaffected corporal, Foday Sankoh, many of their commanders were trained in Libya until civil war broke out in Sierra Leone in 1991.

Recruiting among political and economic exiles in the Sierra Leone communities at home, in Liberia and Ivory Coast, the RUF touts a revolutionary brand incorporating Marxism, Christianity, Islam and superstition wrapped in the dogma of guerrilla warfare. Their hierarchical codes appear strict and their organisation and ideology are better honed than the army's.

"I was unhappy when the RUF first captured me," Abrahim, a 17-year-old fighter, said. "I was at school and when they took me away I missed my family. The training was very hard. But then the ideological teachers explained the nature of the people's struggle and I grew strong." He has not seen his family since the RUF seized him five years ago, but he had killed "plenty people".



A self-styled "Prince Johnson", a rebel captain, led me to the RUF camp at the edge of Freetown. Their base is so different to that of the AFRC, and there is something quite chilling in the eyes of the unsmiling fighters from their Small Boys Unit (SBU) guarding its entrance. The SBU is the RUF's child suicide commando squad.

Inside the RUF headquarters, a commander called "Survivor" explained: "The state of affairs is as follows: we have our own revolutionary council independent of the AFRC." At 27, he is an old soldier in the RUF. Recruited in Ivory Coast by Mr Sankoh in 1989, Survivor is now third in line in the RUF command structure after Mr Sankoh and the "Mosquito", Sam Bokari. "At present we have a delegation that is in Lagos headed by Mosquito. It left three days ago to negotiate the release of our leader, Foday Sankoh. This is our primary demand and nothing will develop here until Sankoh returns to us."

Mr Sankoh was imprisoned in Nigeria in March this year after being found carrying weapons during a diplomatic visit. He was held under house arrest until the coup in Sierra Leone, when he was moved to a secret location.

"At present we have no problem with the AFRC. They are our brothers and we want peace with them. As for the Nigerians, we will see what they do. They are the main obstacle to peace here. Sierra Leone is a small country tired of war and we want peace, but the Nigerian troops must go and President Kabbah [the elected leader ousted in the coup] should never dare return. The Freetown people are pleased to see us. For we are the people's army and we shall protect them against all our foes," declared Survivor.

New Zealanders rue poll change

From Pattrick Smellie in Wellington

AFTER six months of the first coalition Government elected under proportional representation, most New Zealanders now say they wish they had never opted to change from the first-past-the-post system.

Instead of the consensus politics envisaged under an electoral system modelled on Germany's, the new order has produced a government plagued by petty scandals and what observers believe is the most disorderly Parliament for decades.

Recent polls show that more than half of voters would like to return to the old system: only a third support proportional representation, which was endorsed in 1993 and was first used in last October's general election.

An opinion poll last month also found that three quarters of those asked disapproved of the coalition's performance. Most said the junior partner, the New Zealand First Party, was the problem.

A year ago, support for Winston Peters, New Zealand First's leader, and his populist, migrant-bashing party, was touching 30 per cent. In the most recent polls, support for Mr Peters and the party he created four years ago was below 5 per cent.

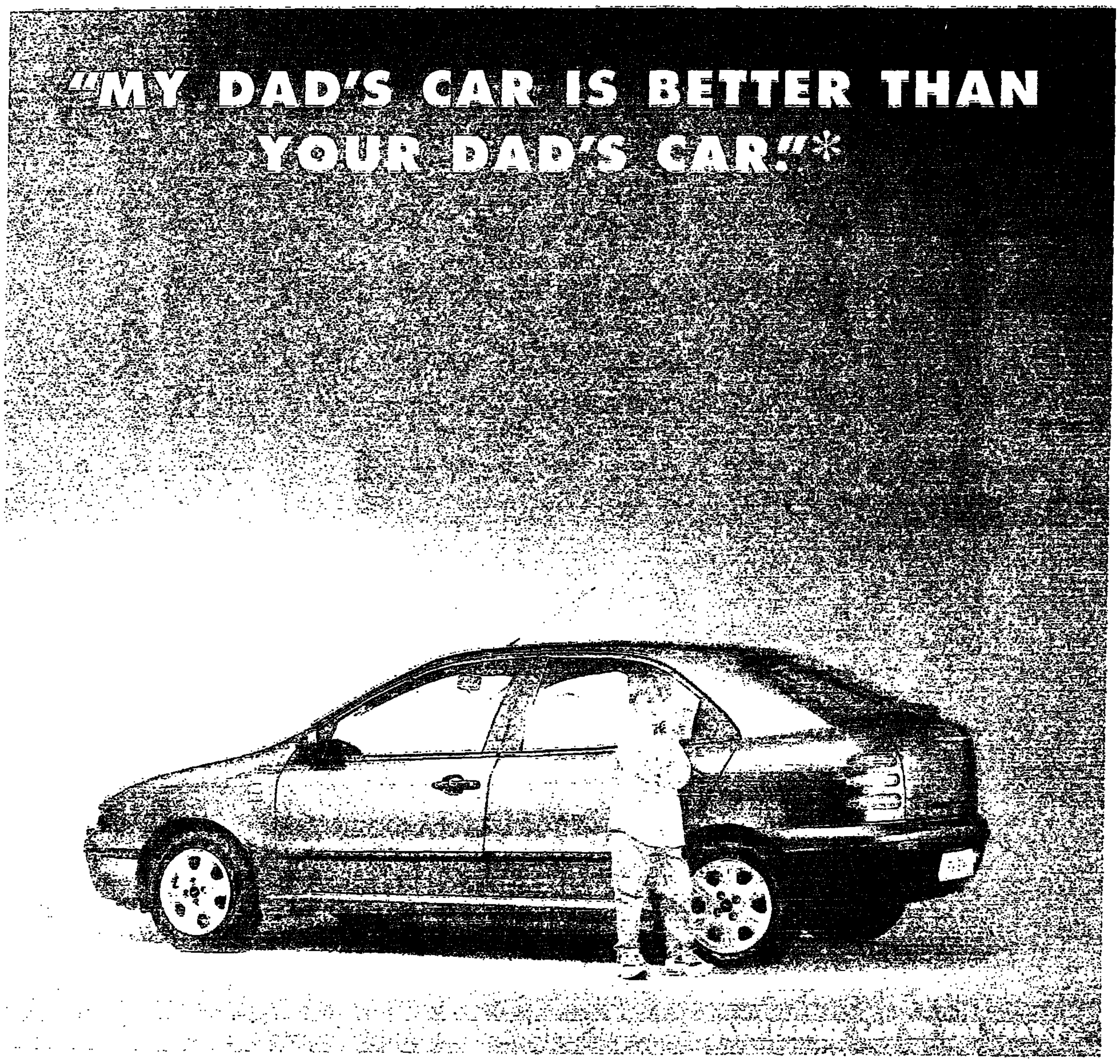
Mr Peters, who is also Deputy Prime Minister, last month became the first New Zealand MP to be found guilty of assaulting a fellow government MP. When the parliamentary privileges committee suggested that he apologise, he refused.

The party's standing has also been hit by allegations surrounding one of its MPs, Tuku Morgan, who is described by a columnist as a "one-man political crisis". The allegations concern Mr Morgan's activities as a director and employee of a cash-strapped, publicly funded Maori television station.

A Serious Fraud Office investigation into the television station is due to begin next week.

With a budget due to be presented on June 26, business and consumer confidence has plummeted. Economic growth of around 2 per cent is predicted for the year to March 1998, which is much the same as last year but well below the 3.4 per cent forecast last December.

The chief beneficiary of the new era has been the Labour Party. All but written off a year ago, poll support for Labour is more than 40 per cent, compared with the 28 per cent it received on election night. Its main challenger on the Left, the Alliance Party, is sinking almost as badly as New Zealand First.



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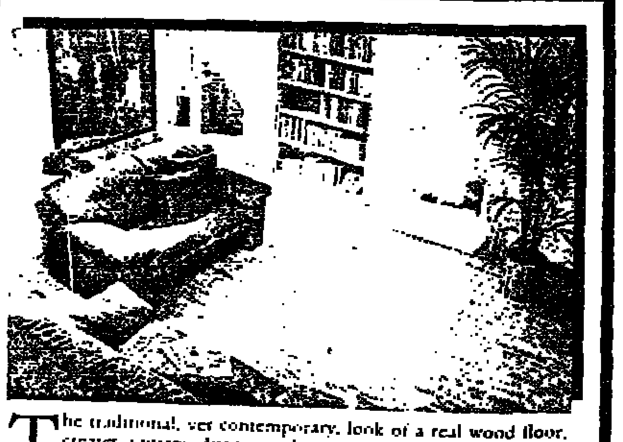

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Mozart, whose musical fingerprints are said to be discernible on two obscure Viennese operas whose authorship is uncertain

Professor detects Mozart's hand in little-known operas

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN NEW YORK

TWO obscure Viennese operas from the late 18th century, regarded as the work of little-known composers, were in fact substantially ghost-written by Mozart, an American music historian has claimed.

According to David Buch, a professor of music history at the University of Northern Iowa, the findings raise the possibility of a multitude of undiscovered music by Mozart camouflaged as the work of other composers of his time.

Professor Buch, whose findings were published yesterday in *The New York Times*, has identified two operas as having Mozart's musical fingerprints. They are *The Philosopher's Stone (Der Stein der Weisen)* and *The Beneficent Dervish (Der Wohltätige Derwisch)*, both composed in 1790. While the authorship of the first opera has always been unclear, it has variously been attributed to J.B. Henneburg, Benedikt Schack and Franz Xaver Gerl. The second has been credited consistently to Emanuel Schikaneder, the Viennese impresario and friend of Mozart who commissioned *The Magic Flute* from him.

Leading authorities on Mozart have described the findings as significant. Neal Zaslaw, a professor of musicology at Cornell University, who is supervising a revision of the listing of the composer's works (known as the Köchel catalogue), said: "This is an important discovery. Professor Buch has the goods."

Professor Zaslaw approved Professor Buch's paper for its forthcoming publication in the *Cambridge Opera Journal*.

Professor Buch's research focused principally on the original score of *The Philospher's Stone*, which he found while working in the archives of the City and University Library in Hamburg. The score had been removed to Leningrad by Soviet soldiers in 1945 and had been returned recently. Examination of the score turned up startling evidence: Mozart's name, written in an unknown hand, appears above a duet which has been attributed to him in the past.

His name also appears above substantial portions of the finale to the Second Act. Furthermore, according to Professor Buch, the watermarks, paper, handwriting and music all support the conclusion that these sections of the opera were by Mozart.

The evidence that sections of *The Beneficent Dervish* are also by Mozart is more circumstantial and is based on Professor Buch's analysis of what is "Mozartian" composition. Written a year before *The Magic Flute*, the opera has passages which echo the more celebrated work.

Yesterday Stanley Sadie, the editor of the authoritative *New Grove Dictionary*, welcomed the news but sounded a word of caution: "Mozart kept an impressively complete catalogue of his work from 1784. There are no references there to either *The Philosopher's Stone* or *The Beneficent Dervish*," he said.

Emanuel Schikaneder, the impresario and friend of Mozart, who is generally thought to have composed one of the operas

Clinton under fire from both sides on anti-racist policies

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Clinton yesterday faced a stinging backlash from black activists and conservatives on the eve of a keynote speech designed to make race relations the legacy of his White House.

Even as he was crafting the final paragraphs of his address in San Diego tomorrow, both black and white critics claimed his initiatives to heal the racial divide would amount to little more than impassioned rhetoric.

Conservatives gave a warning that the President's proposals, including the appointment of a seven-member advisory panel, a series of nationwide discussion groups and the publication of a personal White House report on race by next year, will merely solidify existing policies that have failed to resolve racial differences.

Many in black America believe in the end Mr Clinton will be unwilling to risk the anger of his majority white constituency to advocate policies truly beneficial to minorities.

The Rev Jesse Jackson, the civil rights activist, said the President's increasingly conservative platform, had helped to alienate many blacks. The White House inner circle, he said, was effectively an all-white club. The President had waited until yesterday to appoint Bill Lann Lee, an Asian-American lawyer, as Assistant Attorney-General for civil rights, a position vacant for months.

"The President's challenge is to follow up his words with action," said Mr Jackson, "I don't see how he can do it."

While a big Gallup poll this week showed whites in America more tolerant than ever of their black compatriots, the underlying perception was of two communities divided.

For the first time, the survey found that a majority of whites approved of interracial marriage and, in what may prove an indicator for General Colin Powell, the former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, 93 per cent of Americans said they would now vote for a black President.

But while blacks said colour affected their opportunities, most whites claimed there was no discrimination, that blacks had as good a chance of finding employment, and that affirmative action programmes should decrease.

Conservative blacks such as Ward Connerly, a principal proponent of Proposition 209, the anti-affirmative action legislation in California, said Mr Clinton would damage himself if he clung to race-based policies that impeded the progress of minorities.

A Southerner who grew up in the era of the civil rights movement, Mr Clinton has claimed a lifetime commitment to end what he describes as "America's constant curse".

The question that remains for Mr Clinton tomorrow is whether he can turn high-flown oratory into substantive policy in an initiative the White House hopes will not merely serve as his enduring legacy but will eclipse the controversies of Whitewater, irregular fundraising and the sexual harassment suit brought be Paula Jones.

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Santer in Paris 'pact' on currency

FROM SUSAN BELL
IN PARIS

IN A last-minute meeting aimed at healing the rift between France and its European partners over a single currency, Jacques Santer, the President of the European Commission, went to Paris yesterday to present a compromise on the European Union monetary stability pact to Lionel Jospin, the Socialist Prime Minister, and President Chirac.

His efforts to smooth the way to an agreement at next week's European Union summit in Amsterdam on the new version of the Maastricht treaty appeared to have been fruitful.

After the meeting, M Santer joined M Jospin in expressing optimism that agreement could be reached. "We have had an exchange of views on the stability pact. All the facts are on the table to reach an agreement," M Santer said as he left the Hôtel Mâtignon, the French Prime Minister's official residence, after a "constructive" meeting with M Jospin.

He said he believed that M Jospin was willing to ensure that the Amsterdam summit succeeded. He added that he had communicated the Commission's proposals to the EU's Dutch presidency.

M Jospin said that France's concern to redirect European economic policy towards promoting growth and jobs had met with understanding. He added: "What we are expressing concerns not only France but all European countries. I believe that these preoccupations have been understood."

The Jospin Government stunned Bonn on Monday by saying it would refuse to sign the pact in Amsterdam unless sections were added on employment and growth. The French Left views the pact as a monetary straitjacket which runs counter to the greater political influence it wants to see on EU policy.

Amsterdam draft sets up border clashes for Blair

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

THE final draft of a new European Union treaty was issued yesterday, making clear that Tony Blair will face hard bargaining to win British demands over border control and the machinery of the future Union when EU leaders meet on Monday to settle a deal in Amsterdam.

With the goodwill towards the more Euro-friendly Labour Government waning quickly, the other EU states have still not agreed to Mr Blair's demand for a watertight guarantee that Britain will continue to retain full control over its frontiers and immigration policy. In a bout of telephone diplomacy, the Prime Minister pressed his case yesterday on Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, and Lionel Jospin, the French Prime Minister.

The draft, finished by the Dutch EU presidency after 15 months' negotiation, also runs against Britain's wishes by creating machinery for a multispeed Europe with no possibility of veto and committing the EU to acquiring its own military muscle. "We still have a big British problem," said a senior official from a Benelux state yesterday after the Government stood firm on border controls in the last pre-summit negotiation and surprised its partners with new demands over the social chapter.

Several states were irked by an unexpected request from London for two years to implement the directives in the chapter, which Britain is to join under the new Treaty of Amsterdam. However, other pieces were falling into place yesterday for the horse-trading among leaders to produce a new treaty next week. Among them, longstanding British demands for a curb on "quota-hopping" by Spanish and other fishing trawlers that fly British flags appeared close to solution, with a deal being drafted at the Commission. France also appeared to be close to accepting a deal to allow it to sign the "stability pact" on monetary union, lifting the threat of a Franco-German crisis over the future euro that could hijack the Amsterdam conference.

On the social chapter, Britain said yesterday that it merely wants the same terms that were enjoyed by other states when the social chapter was launched in 1992, but officials from France, Germany and other members saw the proposal as a sign of continuing UK reluctance to join "Social Europe". Under one of the chapter's two directives, multinational firms and their unions must negotiate terms for setting up works councils. The other directive sets rules for unpaid parental leave.

The emerging settlement of the Franco-German spat on the management of monetary union should clear the decks for bartering for a Maastricht II treaty. While the positive tone of the Labour Government is welcome across the EU, many continental diplomats see Britain entrenched in its EU role of awkward customer. A week into its life, France's Socialist Government has concluded that the Blair administration is closer to Bonn than to Paris on economic policy, especially on ways of giving the EU a bigger role in promoting jobs.

France, Belgium and other traditionally "social-minded" states have been annoyed by Mr Blair's crusade to promote flexible labour markets as the key to curbing unemployment. Tensions in this field will come to the fore when the leaders fix the text of the new "employment chapter", which will commit EU governments to co-ordinate their economic policies with the goals of growth and job creation. The draft answers French demands for EU money to be reserved for promoting jobs, but it severly limits the scope of any spending. Germany agreed to the employment chapter on Wednesday after long resistance by Theo Waigel, its Finance Minister.

Border control is the battleground on which Mr Blair aims to take a stand in Amsterdam. However, non-British officials argue that the draft assures Britain's opt-out from the move to abolish frontier controls and centralise authority over visas, immigration and some police work while it also answers Britain's wishes to "opt in" to any aspects that it chooses.

The text turns the EU into an open "area of freedom, security and justice", but notes that Britain and Ireland have their own frontier systems and are not party to it. Mr Blair wants explicit wording on Britain's permanent sovereignty over its frontiers, to avert any future challenge in the European Court of Justice, which acquires new powers in the treaty.

EU officials said Mr Blair's border wishes were almost certain to be granted, given that the British case had already been recognised, but he would have to make concessions in other fields. One of those could be the treaty's commitment to the eventual absorption of the Western European Union, the European defence arm of Nato, into the EU. Britain is resisting the move, with Ireland, Sweden, Finland and Austria, the neutral states. London argues that the Union has no role as a military power. The main area in which London stands almost alone is in the machinery governing "flexibility", a system for enabling groups of countries to embark on new policies. The Government accepts the idea, but insists that such action can be triggered only by a unanimous vote, while the draft, supported by a big majority, says a "flexible" action may be launched by a qualified majority. Previous drafts had left open the decision on voting to the summit in Amsterdam.

In one of the most sensitive areas of EU reform, the draft text seeks to put off until the next century decisions on remodelling the make-up of the Commission and reweighting the votes held by member states. That should be left until the first new countries from Eastern and Central Europe begin joining the Union, the Dutch propose.

Jospin: anxious about job creation plan

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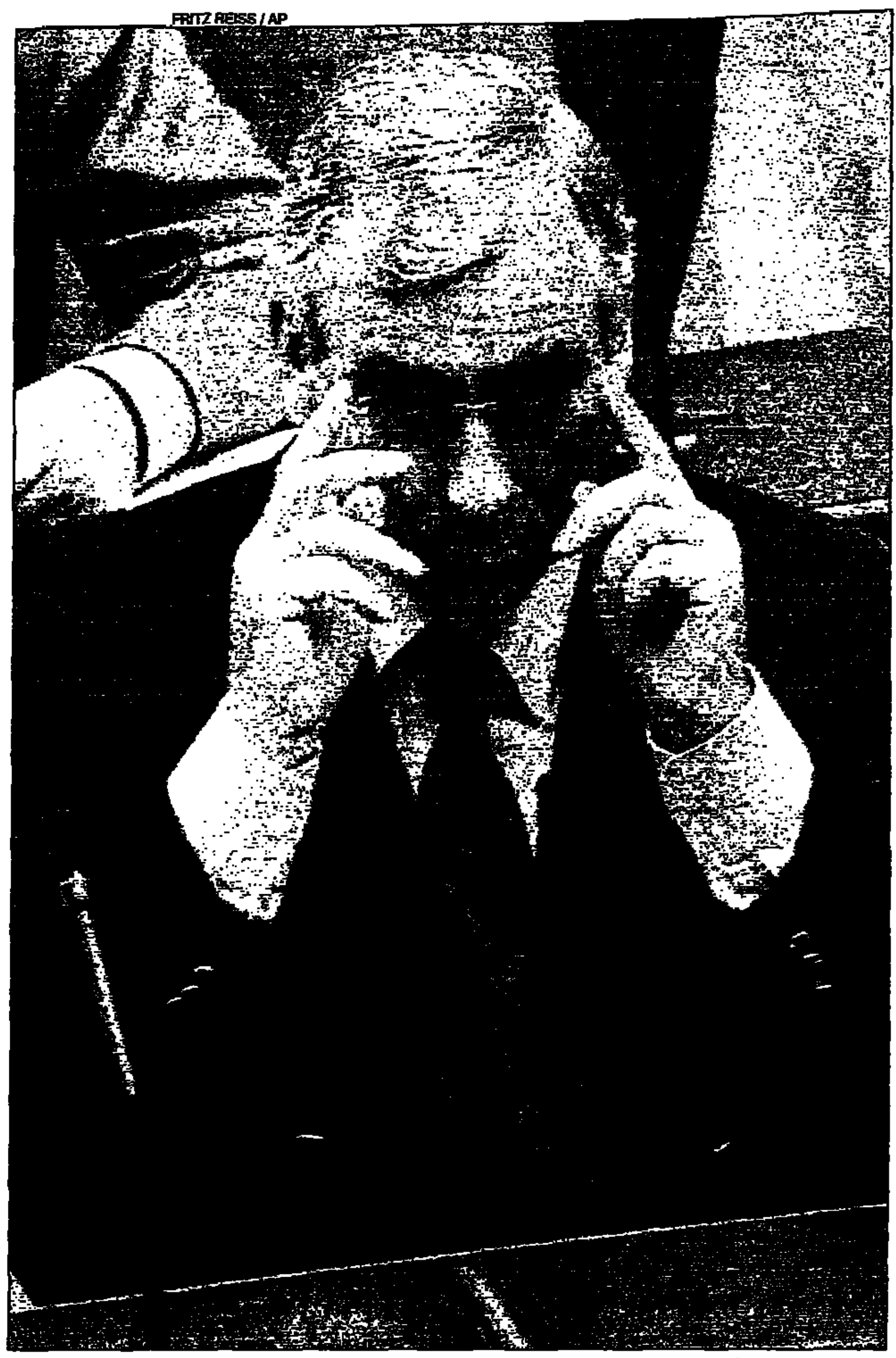
Theo Waigel, the German Finance Minister, in parliament yesterday. He has long resisted the EU employment chapter, but Bonn has finally ceded the point

True confessions cause soul-searching by priests on nature of sin

FROM RICHARD OWEN
IN ROME

PRIESTS in Italy are "re-evaluating sin" in the light of what they hear in the confessional, and gambling, tax evasion and "general egotism" now head the list rather than adultery and other sexual transgressions, according to a survey published yesterday.

The findings coincided with a broadside by a leading bishop against plans to expand casinos in Italy.

The Vatican is in the final stages of formulating a New Catechism, prompting leading conservatives such as Cardinal Ersilio Tonini, Archbishop of Ravenna, to campaign against any softening in definitions of what is sinful.

"There is a tendency in these days of slipping standards to redefine sins as errors or peccadillos," Cardinal Tonini said yesterday. "But a sin is a sin. Avarice, hatred and lust are sins".

Corriere della Sera said a national survey of priests showed that most believed modern society had made people less conscious of sin and "more dishonest and egotistical". It quoted Don Paolo Turturro, a priest in Palermo, as saying that "a society dominated by capitalism and the mass media is rendering the soul sterile, blackening the spirit . . . People have a greater sense of guilt but a lesser sense of sin".

Mgr Gianfranco Ravasi, from Milan, said he and many other priests found believers were most preoccupied with "social problems, such as whether and how to pay their next tax bill". He said sexual problems still figured in confessions, "but not in the self-lacerating way they used to . . . Thirty years ago we were scandalised if we saw a girl and a boy heading off somewhere in the same car".

Leonardo Zega, Editor of *Famiglia Cristiana*, the best-selling Catholic magazine, said spiritual impoverishment was caused by "superficial modern gods which cloud the mind — television, fashion, technology as an end in itself", with parents failing to impose discipline on youngsters.

He said there had been a falling off in confessions: in Rome, despite its proximity to Vatican City and the Pope, only 10 per cent say they are practising Catholics, and of those only 10 per cent go to confession regularly.

Don Aleardo Di Giacomo, a priest in Rome, said the "decline of moral values" meant that many of his parishioners who did go to confession "tell me they cannot think of anything to confess".

Mgr Domenico Caliandro, the Bishop of Santa Maria di Leuca, near Lecce, said the growth of gaming and "games of chance" was a further symptom of moral decline. "Casinos pose a danger to family values, and are contrary to Christian ethics," said Bishop Caliandro, who is fighting plans to open a casino in Lecce in southern Italy.

There are only four casinos operating legally in Italy, but 20 towns have applied for casino licences. "Gambling is a grave sin which creates a dangerous dependence and alienates people from true values," the bishop told *La Repubblica*. He admitted that the Church was obliged to turn a blind eye to "lesser" forms of gambling such as the lottery, football pools and scratch cards bought at bars and tobacconists.

All three are hugely popular in Italy, although sales have dropped because of scandals involving fraud and mismanagement.

☐ **Meeting hope:** The Russian Patriarch Aleksi II has written to the Pope, expressing the hope that the two might reschedule their historic meeting, which was to have been held on June 21 but was cancelled, the Vatican said yesterday. *(AP)*

NEWS IN BRIEF

Congress sticks with veteran

Delhi: India's Congress party last night re-elected Sitaram Kesri, 76, a veteran politician, as its president. It was only the third election in the 112-year history of the country's oldest party, traditionally dominated by charismatic leaders such as Jawaharlal Nehru, his daughter, Indira Gandhi, and his grandson, Rajiv. Congress has ruled India for all but five years since independence from Britain in 1947.

Mr Kesri swept aside challenges from two younger party leaders who ran on a platform of rejuvenating the ailing party that was ejected from power last year. *(Reuter)*

Angola clashes

Luanda: In the most serious fighting since a 1994 ceasefire, the Angolan Government and Unita fighters have clashed repeatedly in the northeast of the country and thousands of civilians have fled. *(Reuter)*

Taiwan defiant

Taipei: Taiwan said it would hold war games as planned just before the Hong Kong handover, despite a warning from Beijing and a plea from the US. It denied the event was politically motivated. *(AFP)*

Korean aid

Dandong, China: The first shipments of Red Cross food aid to be delivered directly by South Korea to the starving North began rolling across the Yalu River on the Sino-North Korean border here. *(AFP)*

Warning shots

Lisbon: A Portuguese naval patrol boat fired three warning shots while chasing a Spanish trawler found fishing illegally off Portugal's southern coast but no one was hurt, the navy said. *(Reuter)*

Rapist jailed

Darmstadt: A US military court sentenced Sergeant First Class Paul Fuller, 25, to five years' jail for raping and forcibly sodomising female soldiers at this army base 20 miles from Frankfurt. *(Reuter)*

Volcano rescue

Manila: Three Japanese engineers and eight Filipino surveyors were rescued from mudflows emitted by Mount Pinatubo volcano as they were doing survey work on a river north of here. *(AFP)*

Unlucky break

Canberra: Thousands of Australian bureaucrats will mark today, Friday the 13th, with a 13-minute strike against government plans to lose 16,000 civil service jobs after previous budget cuts. *(Reuter)*

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US limits Nato expansion to three in opening phase

FROM MICHAEL EVANS IN BRUSSELS

THE United States announced yesterday that it would support only three countries — Poland, the Czech Republic and Hungary — to join Nato in the first wave of the alliance's planned expansion into Eastern Europe.

The announcement was made simultaneously by William Cohen, the American Defence Secretary, at a meeting of Nato defence ministers in Brussels, and by the White House.

Washington's declaration in favour of only three effectively put paid to the chances of Romania and Slovenia squeezing into the first batch of successful applicants, despite support from a number of Nato members, including France, Italy and Spain.

George Robertson, making his first appearance as Defence Secretary at a Nato meeting, also announced that the British Government supported "a *smaller* rather than larger" enlargement in the first wave.

He also cast doubt on whether a second wave was guaranteed. He said the integration of three new members would present a significant challenge for Nato and, although the door would remain open for other members, the alliance would need time to absorb the first wave.

He said Britain would take a pragmatic approach. Any expansion of Nato after the first wave would "depend on its ability to adapt to enlargement" without reducing its military effectiveness.

Despite the support for Romania and Slovenia from at least half a dozen Nato members, British officials said there was clearly total agreement within the alliance about Poland, the Czech Republic and Hungary. "So at least we have consensus on three," one official said.

With the full expectation that the rest of Nato will now have to fall into line behind the American decision, every effort will be made to include in the text of the Nato summit in Madrid — where the three countries will be invited to begin accession negotiations — sufficiently encouraging language to demonstrate to failed applicants that all is not lost and that the door will remain open.

Mr Cohen's statement to the Nato ministers was not the only new development. For it soon became clear yesterday that the alliance has no hope of completing its internal restructuring programme in time for the Madrid summit on July 8 and 9.

The Nato dream only a few months ago was that the Madrid summit would provide the setting for four historic events that would show to the world how Nato had changed: the invitation to three or more countries to join the alliance by 1999, a special security deal with Russia, the declared reintegration of France into the Nato military structure, and a revamped command set-up to reflect the changing world.

To the alliance's dismay, what should have been the easiest part of Nato's transformation after the end of the Cold War — reorganising its internal structures including fewer command headquarters — has proved the most difficult.

France under President Chirac made it clear to Nato that it was prepared to rejoin the integrated structure after walking out more than 30 years ago, provided the alliance reformed itself into a leaner and less American-dominated organisation.

Now, with less than a month to go before the Madrid summit, alliance officials admit there is no chance of reaching consensus on a new command structure and little hope of persuading France to announce its reintegration by July 8. But Mr Robertson said that the new French Government was just as keen on reintegration as the previous administration.

The most difficult challenge was perceived to be a negotiated agreement with Russia to sign some form of security charter with the alliance. However, Russia signed a Founding Act with Nato in Paris last month.

The best that the alliance's officials can predict is that the issue of internal reforms might be resolved before the end of the year. This would also postpone any announcement by President Chirac about reintegration.

AP

Javier Solana, left, the Nato Secretary-General, greets William Cohen, the US Defence Secretary, at the alliance ministers' meeting in Brussels yesterday

Foreigners' kidnap fears rise in Russia

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

THE evacuation of two British families from Moscow, after they were threatened with kidnapping by Russian gangsters, has raised fears among expatriates that they may become targets of a new trend in hostage-taking.

According to businessmen and security experts, the Western community in Moscow has so far been shielded from the violence associated with Russian business, but this could change.

On Wednesday the wives and children of two British businessmen working for Philip Morris, the American tobacco giant, were evacuated under tight security after they were threatened.

Richard Prior, of Kroll Associates in Moscow, an American security company, said that foreigners living in Russia were vulnerable to kidnappers. "People involved in the distribution of goods, particularly tobacco and alcohol, are more prone to coming into contact with extortionists and organised criminals," he said. "It would be dangerous to think foreigners are immune from this kind of attack."

Hostage-taking goes back generations in Russia and the Caucasus. Among Russian criminals, taking a family member hostage is a reliable way of ensuring repayment of a loan. However, kidnapping for ransom is new here.

In Chechnya, the breakaway republic notorious for its criminal gangs, a number of journalists have been taken hostage since the beginning of the year, and five are still missing. Most of the others, including an Italian photographer, were only released after ransoms were paid.

Senior foreign executives working in Russia are convinced that organised crime is not going away. A senior British businessman said: "All the big multinationals here have to deal with extremely dodgy distributors, particularly those involved in the sale of cigarettes and vodka. Threatening people's lives is how they do business."

General Anatoli Kulikov, the Interior Minister, said yesterday that economic crimes were on the increase and he estimated that one in four successful Russian businessmen was linked to the criminal underworld.

Most senior executives have taken steps to protect themselves. As a rule, they hire armed security guards, usually drawn from the ranks of the Russian military, the police or the intelligence services, and sometimes working in conjunction with British security firms. Some spouses and children have their own bodyguards.

Last year, two British businessmen were shot, one fatally, when they were caught in crossfire during gangland shootings in a Moscow restaurant and a St Petersburg hotel. In November, an American hotelier was shot in a contract killing, even though he was accompanied by a bodyguard.

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Judges let topless go over the top

FROM RICHARD CLEROUX IN OTTAWA

HUNDREDS of women in dozens of Ontario towns are going about bare-breasted in parks, on streets, at work, and on beaches as a result of a provincial court decision this year which ruled that women has as much right as men to be topless in public.

Municipal administrations in Ontario, Canada's most populous province, with 10 million people, are at a loss to deal with the impact of the unexpected court decision.

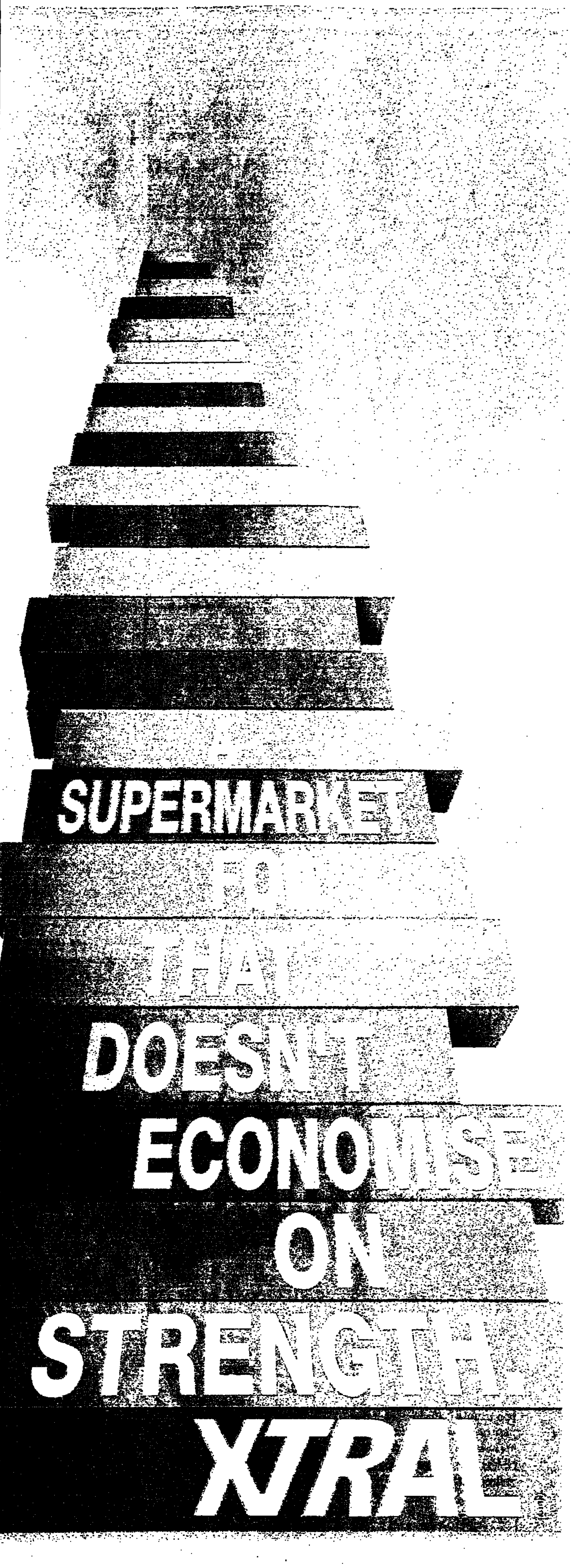
It began two years ago when Gwen Jacobs, a young woman from Guelph, Ontario, went bare-breasted in a park on a hot summer day. She was arrested and charged with indecent exposure.

But Miss Jacobs fought the charge in court. She won and the case worked its way all the way up to the Ontario Court of Appeal which ruled in her favour during the winter.

Nothing happened until about a week ago when a heat wave hit Ontario and women of every age and size began taking advantage of the decision. Several municipalities have responded by passing bylaws restricting bare breasts to designated beaches.

In Vanier, a suburb of Ottawa, three topless dancers caused a traffic jam when they stood outside their club bare-breasted holding signs that read "Choose your topping".

In many cities young people who clean car windscreens for a "donation" have been working topless. Some of the girls have seen their takings double since they took their tops off.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Penny Perry: she is her father's daughter — same looks and the same straight-talking manner

THE VALERIE GROVE INTERVIEW

Why my father's trophies had to go

Penny Perry explains why she and her mother have decided to sell the mementoes of Fred Perry, England's greatest tennis star

Lot 249 at Christie's next Friday is "The lawn tennis racquet manufactured by Slazenger, London, used by the victorious Fred Perry in the finals of the Men's Singles Championship, Wimbledon 1934. Concave throat with monogram F.J.P. Some strings defective." The expected bidding range is £1,000 to £1,500.

It is, as we never tire of reminding ourselves, 60 years since Fred Perry, son of a Labour MP from Lancashire, won the men's title at Wimbledon three years in succession. Never supplanted, Perry still enjoys his unique hero status, in death as in life.

Now Bobby, Fred Perry's widow, and their daughter Penny, will sell off the relics, trophies and medals which have reposed in the Wimbledon museum for 20 years. Even that hallowed racket. "Not the racket, mum!" said Fred Perry's grandson, John Frederick Perry, a cricket-playing schoolboy of 12, when he heard about the sale. "Tough, kiddo!" was his mum's robust reply.

Penny Perry is her father's daughter — same looks, glittering-eyed smile, long-legged athletic frame, straight-talking manner. Same grip too. She has inherited Fred's continental grip on her Wilson Sledgehammer.

This Wednesday she came off the courts at Saltdean Tennis Club wearing the distinctive Fred Perry pleated skirt she has had since her schooldays — she always flies the flag, though the company is now owned by the Japanese — having won her first round match in the ladies' singles.

"For the first time in my life I'm enjoying my tennis," she said, cheerily. "It all goes back to Fred, of course. He wouldn't aid or abet me in any way. I think he only ever watched me twice, from behind a hedge. He certainly never coached me and wouldn't have opened any doors for me. If I was going to make it I would have to do it myself — so my enthusiasm went out of the window. "Dad knew the women's circuit was tough, and he told me, 'You haven't got it in the head. You can hit the ball but you haven't got it upstairs.' I never took tennis seriously, so Dad was right on the attitude."

Penny was born in 1958 — in the same hospital as Chrissie Evert — in Florida, where her parents lived most of the time. Fred was 50 when she was born, having had three childless earlier marriages, all to actresses.

He mixed in the Hollywood social set, playing tennis with Charlie Chaplin and Groucho Marx, and was constantly offered screen tests himself. Penny says her parents' marriage lasted because all the previous wives had competed with Fred, whereas her mother — sister of the actress Patricia Roc, and formerly a Hollywood wife herself — was no threat.

"Fred and I had a typical father-daughter relationship. I couldn't do a thing wrong. But he wasn't around much. They left me here to be educated. I lived at home in Rottingdean with my nanny-guardian, Miss Bishop, who is still part of the family. My mother had to make the choice: travel with Fred and dump me here, or stay maternal, which wasn't really her bag, and lose Fred to another woman. He was famous and extremely tasty and chaseable: she had to go with him. She made the right decision, and I don't resent that."

Fred and Bobby spent every winter in Jamaica, where he owned a golf club. So Penny was shipped out there every Christmas, unwillingly. "Sounds ungracious, spoilt brat — but I was an only child, deposited in the middle of nowhere with not a friend in sight."

She played tennis in the park — there was no court at home — or at school, St Mary's Hall in Brighton. "But I was Penny Perry, so they'd say, 'Oh, I suppose you must be brilliant.' Then if I played like a complete dodo they could say 'I beat Fred's daughter,' or if I beat them they'd say 'Well what do you expect?' You couldn't win. I took the easy way out and just didn't bother. Dad's attitude was, 50 per cent of the person is the other parent anyway. I look like him and I have his temperament and positive attitude. We both call a spade a bloomin' spade, and if someone asks an opinion they get it." (She said Gustavo Kuerten, the Brazilian who won the recent French Open, "looked like an unmade bed".)

Her great passion now is her horse, Maggie May, a 12-year-old mare. She was a present from her husband, David Aston, shortly before he died. Three years ago, at the age of 41, he simply keeled over with a brain haemorrhage.

Penny was "totally zombified" by sudden widowhood at 35: "I couldn't bring myself to do anything. I had no energy. I didn't want to see or talk to anybody." Riding was her therapy. "It released all the rubbish in my head. There is nothing more stimulating than the South Downs in March."

Widowhood also brought her back on to a tennis court. Even though she had worked on the PR side of Dunlop, she had not picked up a racket since her schooldays. "A friend turned up on Saltdean club night and said, get your racket. I retrieved from the back of a cupboard my old wooden Dunlop Maxply. Peals of laughter all round."

They let her try out a graphite racket "and the ball ended up in London". You're a hard hitter? "Yeah." Her eyes blaze. "Fred thought the modern racket was detrimental to the men's game, encouraging wham bam, biff bang grunt. But he always acknowledged it had revolutionised the women's game."

Her father's relationship with Wimbledon was chequered. He became persona non grata to the All England Club when he went professional and left for America in 1936. Even when I, as a schoolgirl in 1961, joined the Herga Club in Harrow, Fred's old club, Perry's name was still mentioned in slightly hushed tones.

But as decades passed and we still had no new Fred Perry, Wimbledon buried the hatchet, named a gate after him and erected a bronze statue. When he died in 1995 his ashes were buried there too, with a plaque saying simply "Fred".

The All England Club was "horrified" at the thought of losing the trophies, Penny says. Fred had offered them so that they would stay in England. "They were costing us a fortune, the insurance, and the cleaning; a lady came in every Monday who worked all day on the silver alone; and my parents weren't even there half the year.

"We would never have sold them in his lifetime. But when he died, clubs and museums all over the world asked whether they could have something of Fred's. He was a diplomat for the game. Why shouldn't Mum benefit? Fred's gone, there's no emotional pull, no personal qualms. As far as my mother's concerned they were won before she met *him* anyway, and we know what he did, so why do we need to look at trophies?"

So next Friday at Christie's, the medals, ties, trophies, rackets — and Fred's golf clubs, typewriter and Zippo lighter — go under the hammer. As for the great racket, I think it should go to grandson John, if the Wimbledon museum is silly enough not to bid for it.

But there is no fathoming the collective mind of the All England Club. For 47 years, Fred delivered his genial radio commentaries from Wimbledon and Bobby was always there. After his death, people assumed that the club might be generous enough to make Bobby a member — though neither of the Perrys suggested this.

"You don't deal with the All England Club: they deal with you," says Penny. "But their official view was that 'it would set a precedent'. Well, my understanding of a precedent is that it opens a floodgate. But where are all the other English champions' widows?

"My official response to them was, surely my mother needs access to Wimbledon. At 78, it's the only pleasure she's got left. The man's buried there! She must be able to get into Wimbledon." Finally they came round to offering a gracious pair of tickets for the championships, so mother and daughter will be there as ever.

"Wimbledon remains the most wonderful place in the world for us," Penny says. "Whenever Fred was asked, if he could play just one more set, where would it be, he would say, the Centre Court at Wimbledon. Fred's attitude to Wimbledon never changed."

Fred Perry in 1934 — and the start of his record-breaking three years as Wimbledon champion

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The wrong foot forward

John Prescott showed this week why men shouldn't dance, says **Joe Joseph**

Watching an elegant man on the dancefloor is an unending source of hope to mankind. The hope is that he has drunk enough vodka beforehand not to realise that he looks a complete idiot — unless, of course, he really IS in the process of describing to his partner the complex movements of an East African tribal dance.

What John Prescott forgot when he let his hair down so extravagantly at the Waldorf this week was the first lesson that any man should learn in dance class: it only takes two to tango, and neither of them has to be you.

As yesterday's report from the journal *Nature* disclosed, men lack the important gene that gives women intuition, social graces, and the ability to dance without looking like an angry native in a Rider Haggard novel. Pauline Prescott managed to look as graceful on the dancefloor as she does off it because she lacks the gene that forces men to invent a completely novel way of articulating their body every time they decide to dance: men essentially retain the instinct of the genes they had as sperms, which is to flail around wildly, not minding whom you bump into in the vicinity.

Dancing ability in a man — let alone in a leading politician — is so rare that Barbara Castle recently pointed out that although she disliked Hugh Gaitskell because of his "cold, calculating intolerance" towards Bevan, Gaitskell "was a very good dancer, and to me that is more important than politics in a man". Baroness Castle may think that a gentleman knows how to dance. In fact, a true gentleman knows how to dance — but doesn't: he doesn't want to show the rest of us up.

The odd thing is that many men did actually go to dancing lessons run by ladies called Miss Ballantyne or Miss Hocking, at five guineas an hour. But that was only because their parents didn't know at that stage that they might as well shred the money and use it as cat litter — it being only several years later that they saw their son on a dancefloor and realised that they had unknowingly given birth to the world's first human hydra.

Most men follow the same dance routine. There is the movement where the man stamps on imaginary insects which he fears might soon crawl up his trouser leg, while at the same time waving anxiously to passers-by to come to his assistance. There is a slower version of this that is deployed by a man who finds himself on the dancefloor with his niece or great aunt when the DJ has put a smoochy number on the turntable: the foot movements are the same, only the man looks as if he is doing them while in a vat of chewing gum.

There is the movement when the man puts his hands on his hips and tilts the upper half of his body forward at a sharp angle, while making stabbing movements with his head. This man believes he looks like Mick Jagger, but onlookers assume he has slipped a disc and is jerking around owing to spasms of agony. Finally, there is the man who everyone else on the dancefloor assumes must be connected by invisible wires to an electric generator which is transmitting powerful, periodic jolts to its victim.

This is why men are suspicious of skilful male dancers, especially men who go in for exotic dances like the tango which require them to wear shiny satin bell-bottoms and to clamp a woman's fishnetted gusset around their armpits. After he appeared in *Saturday Night Fever*, John Travolta's career went down faster than a thermometer plunged into a snowdrift. It was only by playing a sleazeball in *Pulp Fiction* that he was again exposed to the full glare that bounces off Hollywood's shiniest casting agents. Prescott should have noticed that you never see, say, Clint Eastwood jiving. This is why the world prefers Eastwood to Blair. Lionel Blair, that is. Tony's proved he's much too smart to risk putting a foot out of place.

ALAN DAVIDSON

John and Pauline Prescott on the Waldorf dancefloor

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Puccini – and a fight at the opera

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Giacomo Puccini, whose death in 1924 led to a running legal dispute over his legacy to his offspring

Count Livio Dell'Anna, left, and his butler, Pasquale Belladonna; centre, the will scene from *Gianni Schicchi*, Puccini's opera about a tussle over an inheritance, and, right, Simonetta Puccini the composer's granddaughter

A long-running legal battle over the inheritance of the great Italian composer Giacomo Puccini ended this week in victory for his granddaughter. But the story may not be over yet, says **Richard Owen**

In 1918, six years before he died, the great Italian composer Giacomo Puccini wrote an opera called *Gianni Schicchi*, with a typically convoluted and colourful plot revolving around a tussle over an inheritance. This week, in a development that could have come straight from one of Puccini's works, a long-running legal dispute over the composer's own legacy to his offspring was resolved, with various delectable (if neglected) villas and other assets being divided up between Puccini's illegitimate granddaughter and a former family butler.

The subtitle of this true-life melodramatic opera might be "Love, Betrayal, and the Missing Millions". It certainly boasts a cast of characters as outlandish as anything to be found in *Tosca*, *Manon Lescaut* or *Madame Butterfly*. This week's victor is 68-year-old Simonetta Puccini, Puccini's granddaughter, who gets several of the Puccini properties, including the Villa Puccini at Torre del Largo on Lake Massaciuccoli near Viareggio on the Tuscan coast, where a festival of Puccini music is held every summer. But the former family retainer, Pasquale Belladonna (even the names are operatic), may have the last laugh before the final curtain: Simonetta Puccini's lawyers suspect he has spent much of what she has been contesting for all these years. He is certainly living in some style in Monte Carlo at the ripe old age of 77, thumbing his nose at the judges and claiming he has no idea what can have happened to the loot.

The plot begins with the maestro himself, who was brought up by his formidable mother after his father died when the budding composer was only five. Puccini's adored mother died when he was 26, and he declared that he would "never be happy without my darling mother, whatever triumphs art may bring me". Perhaps seeking a substitute "strong woman", he ran off the following year, 1885, with Elvira Gemignani, a woman of striking looks and character, blithely overlooking the inconvenient fact that she was married to someone else at the time. They lived an unconventional life far from the sophisticated urban existence of Milan or Rome, on the shores of Lake Massaciuccoli (now a protected bird sanctuary), in an area much frequented by the English Romantic poets nearly a hundred years before (Shelley drowned off Viareggio in 1822). Puccini and Elvira had an illegitimate son, Antonio, although Elvira eventually married Puccini in 1904, after her husband had died.

Married bliss might have followed, except that Puccini fell in love with the maid, a girl from the nearby village of Torre del Lago, and Elvira (perhaps not unnaturally) became intensely jealous, driving the girl out of the villa with dire death threats. The maid poisoned herself, or perhaps was poisoned by Elvira (there was a trial, which came to nothing, thanks to Puccini's influence); ironically, a post mortem carried out at the insistence of the girl's family found that she was still a virgin. But the maid was not the only extra marital object of Puccini's affections, and he embarked on a long series of affairs, usually with girls (like the maid at the villa) who were his social inferiors — rather as the impoverished but sophisticated artists of *La Bohème* take up with poor working girls such as Mimi, the consumptive seamstress.

Surprisingly, given his appetite for female company, when Puccini died in Brussels in 1924, at the age of 66, there was only one illegitimate son to inherit his properties and the rights to his music — Antonio. When Antonio died just after the Second World War, in one of his father's Riviera villas, his wife Rita inherited the estates, and when she in turn died in 1979 her brother, Count Livio Dell'Anna, another noted Riviera socialite, took them over until his death in 1986. (I trust the audience is still with me.) At which point — enter Count Livio's butler, Signor Belladonna, who claims that the Count left the Puccini legacy to him. The legacy includes not only the villas but also considerable royalties on Puccini's music, which were accumulated and invested until copyright ran out 20 years ago.

> As in the best plots, victory may have a bitter aftertaste for Simonetta Puccini

The problem for the trustees of the Puccini and Dell'Anna estates has been to establish exactly how much of this legacy is left — and who squandered it. Signor Belladonna's version, from the comforts of Monaco, is that Count Livio ran through most of the assets after the death of Rita, and bequeathed what little was left to the butler (with whom the unmarried Count had what is described euphemistically as a "close personal relationship"). The chairman of the trustees, Aldo Giarizzo, is not convinced: when the Count's bank accounts were audited shortly before he died, he says, they contained £17 million. Where can it have all gone, asks Signor Giarizzo, gazing towards Monte Carlo, where the living is easy but not cheap, even in retirement.

The final act opened in 1973, with the first appearance on stage of Simonetta Puccini, then in her forties. She was undoubtedy Antonio Puccini's daughter — but by a ballet dancer from Milan and not, unfortunately, by Antonio's wife Rita. Simonetta Puccini took legal action to be formally acknowledged as a Puccini, and won her case after a 12-year battle in the courts. She then set about contesting the butler's right to the will after the death of Count Livio. Two years ago she won the first round, when a court at Lucca, Puccini's Tuscan birthplace, ruled that Simonetta Puccini had the right to one third of the Puccini inheritance.

The butler appealed, and this week came the denouement: Simonetta Puccini, who for years catalogued her grandfather's archives without payment, is to get both the villa at Torre del Largo (where Puccini wrote his unfinished *Turandot*, and where he and his wife are buried) and his birthplace at Lucca, as well as an undisclosed cash sum.

As in the best plots, however, victory may have a bitter aftertaste: the estate trustees say that because of the huge debts run up by the high-living former butler, some of the Puccini properties may have to be sold off. Simonetta Puccini has also found, to her dismay, that the villa at Torre del Largo is in a poor state of repair, with many of its treasures and mementoes carried off by thieves. On the other hand, if anyone can be relied on to put Puccini's legacy back together again it is the vigorous and feisty Simonetta Puccini, who at 68 remains a doughty defender of her grandfather's reputation. She recently took action to stop an Italian television soap opera based on his life and times which she said portrayed him as "the vulgarest kind of womaniser and whoremonger" while ignoring his "kind and human side".

Clearly, the last act has not quite finished yet: after all, neither Simonetta Puccini nor Pasquale Belladonna is young any more, and neither has any children. Who knows who might pop up to challenge the trustees and claim The Puccini Inheritance when the granddaughter and the butler finally leave the stage?

In *Gianni Schicchi*, Puccini was able to tie up all the loose ends nicely: after all, he was in charge of the plot. Schicchi, a wily late 13th-century Florentine wheeler-dealer, manages to outwit all the avaricious relatives and hangers-on hoping to benefit from the will of a wealthy merchant. Instead Schicchi arranges things so that a miraculously discovered new will delivers the entire inheritance to a deserving pair of lovers, Rinuccio and Lauretta. As far as we know, there is no such neat ending to the real-life drama: but given that life so often imitates art, perhaps there is a long-lost alternative Puccini will lying in a dusty corner of one of his decaying villas. Perhaps there is one final aria waiting to be discovered, on the principle that the opera ain't over till the fat lady sings.

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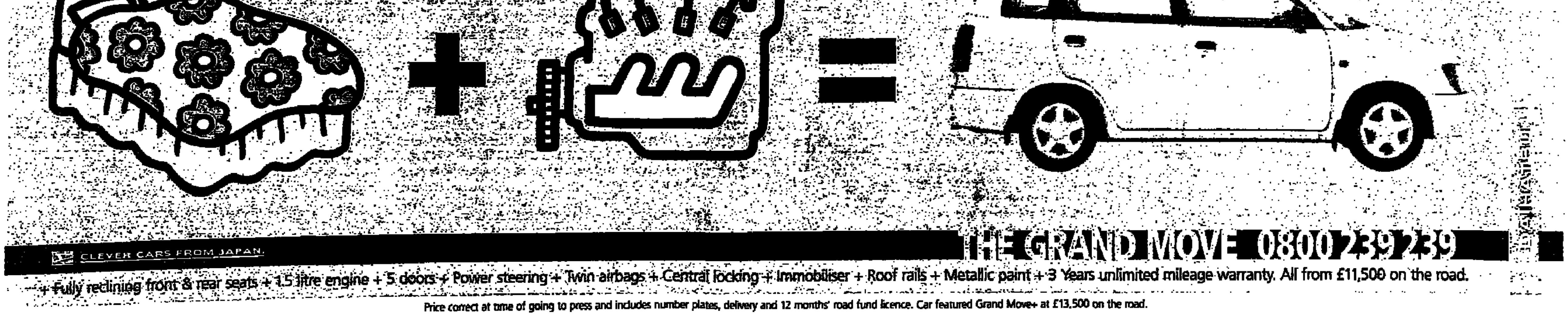

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EU follows the Blair principle

Putting skills before jobs makes good sense, says **John Lloyd**

In 1981, when Tony Blair was looking for a seat, Pope John Paul II published an encyclical named *Laborem Exercens* — "On Human Work". "The only legitimate title to the ownership of the means of production," said John Paul, "is that it serves to advance work."

In the decade and a half which followed, all of Europe's economies have seen not the advance but the retreat of work. The absolute priority of work over capital has not been enshrined but in practice downgraded.

In practice but not in rhetoric. All European governments remained committed to a goal of full employment. Jobs, jobs, jobs is the new mantra, even as they continue, in most states, to go, go, go.

In the matter of advancing work there are two broad responses, which now appear mutually incompatible. The one, still broadly offered by most of the Christian and Social Democratic parties of the Continent, is to treat *Laborem Exercens* literally. In none is this more true than in the country that encloses the Holy See: Italian public sector workers still have an effective title to continued employment and, while matters are tougher in the private sector, it is hard to sack people or to declare redundancies. The same is broadly true in Germany and France: in the latter, the regulations governing employment practices have been enough to stimulate a small flight of entrepreneurs across the Channel.

The modern worker must be equipped to survive

In the UK, the thrust of the past 18 years and the continued underlying philosophy of government has been to weaken, or at least (now) not to strengthen, the title to a particular job, but rather to put a lot of effort into strengthening the ability to capture *some* job. Companies are *not* constrained by law to advance work, although they will be induced by tax breaks to give jobs to unemployed youths under the welfare-to-work scheme. Rather they are being told that they will be further relieved of bureaucracy and further enabled to compete, and thereby increase the sum of human labour. It is Tony Blair's and Gordon Brown's abiding belief that governments do not create or protect jobs: they assist in the creation of employability.

"We were very struck," said an unnamed aide to the French Prime Minister, Lionel Jospin, earlier this week, "by the fact that Tony Blair consulted Margaret Thatcher on European issues. He doesn't seem all that enthusiastic about our social-democratic plans to use Europe and the single currency to stimulate the labour market." The aide was right about that: for the Blair Government, as much as for the Major and Thatcher Governments before it, the French Socialists are on test to determine whether they are capable of measuring up to the challenges in the labour market in the way in which the British Government is doing. An early indication will be whether there is government intervention in the closure of the Renault plant in Belgium.

New Labour does not believe in the provident State: it believes in the worker equipped to survive. There is a fundamental difference of philosophy here.

The election of the French Socialists has been held to be a grave setback to a more realistic — for which read Blairite — mood in the European Union. But its demands for increased employment rights runs against the trend. It *will* get an employment chapter written into a revised Maastricht treaty at the Amsterdam EU summit next week — but Germany has made it clear that its agreement on this plan, originally put up by the Swedes, is conditional on it being declarative only, with employment policies being left largely to individual states.

At state level, it is the flexible approach which is winning — because business everywhere is so overwhelmingly in favour of that approach and governments of the Left or Right are increasingly unsure that any other is viable. The German Government strains to inject some flexibility into its labour market: in a speech last month, its junior Foreign Minister, Werner Hoyer, said that "we must become flexible and faster, be prepared to discard our European arrogance". In Sweden, a social-democratic nirvana until the 1990s, the policy advice for radical deregulation accumulates: a report from its Centre for Business and Policy Studies this week says that the "restrictions and rigidities which have been piled on the Swedish labour market" must go if jobs are to be created.

Even as the French Socialists argue for statism, they do much the same as new Labour. Martine Aubry, number two in the Jospin Cabinet and already dubbed "Madame Emploi", is using a network of business leaders she met while working in the private sector to put up ideas for job creation. She has an ally in Nicole Notat, the leader of the reformist union federation CFDT, who argues that if workers are to work fewer hours, they must be prepared to receive lower pay. France is getting flexible too, in its own way.

The two ways of fulfilling the papal call — the continental and the Anglo-Saxon — are, in the real world, too starkly counterposed. New Labour has copied much from the Continent, especially in the fields of education and training, and is now being studied in return. The speed of adoption of the new varies according to national culture and political constraint: one should not be surprised that workers are reluctant to give up rights. But the EU members in Amsterdam next week will agree to sign a meaningless employment chapter — and then get on with the hard business of seeing what works in their own labour markets.

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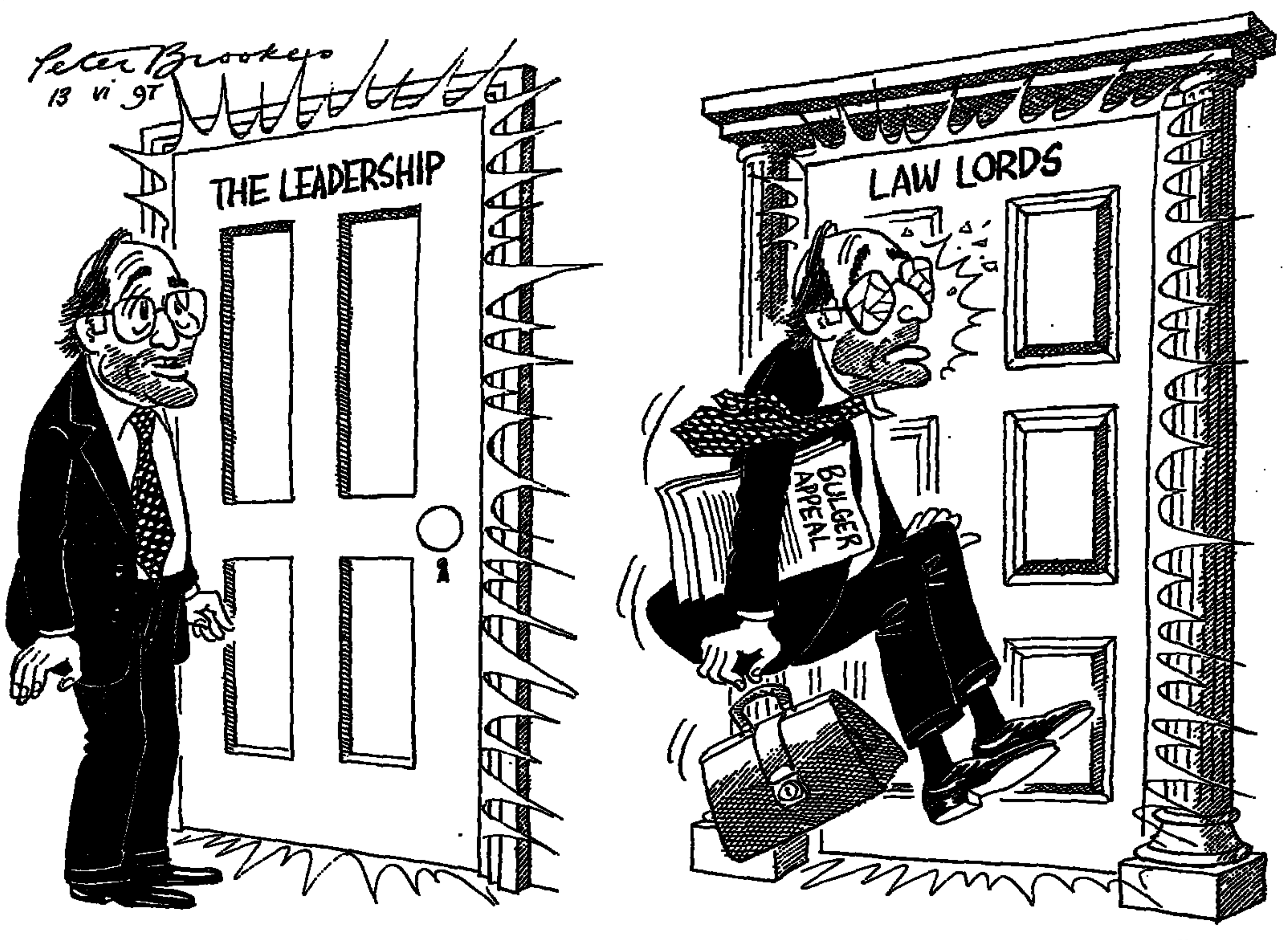

"AS ONE DOOR CLOSES, ANOTHER ONE .... SLAMS IN YOUR FACE"

Bonfire of my vanities

I will never rule Britain, Cyprus or Swaziland. No aptitude, you see. But show me an after-dinner audience . . .

Matthew Parris

At the age of six I was seized by an ambition to become the Governor of Cyprus. This was a settled intention, not a whim, though it dawned on me suddenly and for a reason.

It happened like this. We lived in Nicosia, my father being an expatriate electrical engineer. I had fallen on my head and had a big bandage around my temples. At Christmas the Governor, General Sir John Harding, always gave a party at Government House for the British children in Nicosia, and I went.

Unseen by us, the Governor landed in a helicopter (we could hear its blades beating) then, as excitement mounted among the children, appeared from behind one of the room's walls, which parted magically with a whirr of motors. Sir John was a charismatic man and friendly to his infant guests. There had been bombings and shootings in Nicosia and British people were nervous. The Governor spotted the bandage on my head and made a beeline for me. "Been in the wars, young man?" he asked, looking concerned.

"I fell off my bicycle."

"You must be careful." And with that, he moved on.

Strangely excited, I conceived that day the idea of becoming Governor myself, living in a mansion with magic walls, beating the Eoka terrorists, giving parties for children and landing in helicopters.

Later General Harding was recalled to London and replaced with a progressive-minded civilian, Hugh Foot, who cancelled the parties because they were colonialist, and sold out to the terrorists. I decided to be a Conservative — partly because of the terrorists, but mostly because Foot had cancelled the parties.

When we moved to Southern Rhodesia I was nine and the Governor-General was Lord Dalhousie. By then I knew enough to know that you could not select where you wanted to be Governor of: you entered the Colonial Service and waited for a governorship to become available. I determined to do this. Sent to boarding school in Swaziland, I was chosen when the Governor, Sir Francis Lloyd, came to our speech day, to meet his Daimler at the bottom of the hill, welcome Sir Francis and direct his driver to the car park. He said nothing at all to me, impressing me (at 14) with his elevation, inscrutability and reserve. Swaziland would do.

I wrote to the Colonial Service in London asking how to apply and was advised to aim for the Dependent Territories Department at the Foreign Office, which seemed a comedown. The reply hinted that career opportunities in this field might be limited. So I decided to become an ambassador.

The young man who, entering the Diplomatic Service ten years later (having turned down the offer of a job as a spy on the ground that nobody would know how important I was) felt fairly confident that it was now only a matter of time before embassy doors in Washington, Paris or Peking opened before him. But I had no talent for the job and was quickly disabused of my hopes, finding myself neither clever nor patient enough for a career which (to my dismay) seemed to promise a lifetime of serving socialist politicians. I decided to become a Conservative Prime Minister.

The young man entering the House of Commons five years later saw it all before him in a smooth progress from parliamentary private secretary to junior minister to Cabinet minister to 10 Downing Street. But there seemed to be a hitch. No talent. After seven years I was still not a PPS. On my television screen, star interviewers were interviewing people who had entered the Commons alongside me but were now knocking on the Cabinet's door. I decided to be a television star.

This proved a mistake as I had no talent for it. It's a damn nuisance, this lack of talent, but I'm determined not to let it hold me back. Taking over *Weekend World* from Brian Walden, I led the programme to its grave within two years.

To re-enter the Commons as a mere hack when one had quit as an MP, aiming for media stardom, seemed to represent a reverse. But I consoled myself. It wasn't any old newspaper, after all: it was *The Times*. Before long, no doubt, one would be writing wise and weighty articles advising the nation on questions such as who ought to be the next leader of the Conservative Party (now that it was no longer going to be me).

The whole 1922 Committee, surely, would be waiting upon one's words. "What is Parris recommending in this leadership thing?" "I don't think he's pronounced yet." "Ah, we must stay our judgment until he writes." The goal would be to become the chronicler of one's times, counsellor to a whole generation.

Aware that one is, as yet, a little short of this goal, I while away the time with diversions of a more ephemeral kind. The other day I found myself in a sort of cage suspended above a huge nightclub called The Dome in Birmingham with Danny La Rue, the veteran female impersonator, and a number of screen celebrities. We were judging the "Mr Gay UK competition". As a succession of muscular hunks pranced before us in their underpants, I briefly asked myself whether this was better or worse than being Governor of Swaziland or Prime Minister. It was certainly different.

Then there are the after-dinner speeches. You can get yourself on to the books of speaker agencies who hire you out for occasions when an amusing speech (in my case containing not too many facts) is called for. The fee is rather embarrassing, so one does it. As often as not, the people turn out to be better company than you expect but I am determined to cut down, for fear of getting stale.

I did, however, agree to speak after dinner at the Waldorf for a company called Financial Objects plc, last week.

I had arranged to be late and, entering a huge ballroom-style dining hall, found the dinner already in full swing. But there was something different about the occasion: a sort of wild hilarity. I heard bangs and claps, playing cards slapping on to tables, peals of laughter. I saw a huge upturned top hat. It dawned on me that magicians were working the room.

In fact there were two: Fay Presto and her accomplice, Zap. Fay was rather beautiful with a husky voice, generous cleavage, big hands and a prominent Adam's apple — strangely, ambiguously sexy. It dawned on me that she had changed her gender. I learnt that she used to be a motorcycle dispatch rider called Oliver.

And she was a brilliant magician. So was Zap. The two of them were holding tables spellbound. Zap did an unbelievable rope trick at my table, as cheers rang out for Fay at another. By now we were on the coffee, and Fay Presto took the stage and performed a card trick which ended with a card selected and signed by a random diner being discovered thumb-tacked to the ceiling 20 feet above us. Nobody knows how she did it. She bowed and skipped from the room with Zap, to raucous applause. Follow that. "Mr Parris will now deliver his speech," said our host.

My heart sank. But Financial Objects plc and their guests were a good and bright crowd and they treated me kindly. The speech did not flop, and as I sat down to rather less rapturous applause than had greeted the magicians, in rushed Fay Presto. "I left my bag of tricks behind," she said to me.

"You were fantastic," I said.

"They seemed to like you too, darling," she said. "Have you been on the circuit long?"

"Oh ... no, not really; not very long," I stammered.

"Well good luck," she said, departing with her top hat and rope.

I took the Number 15 bus home to Limehouse. It was a warm night. As I passed Tower Bridge, a huge display of fireworks was going on over the Thames.

So it has come to this. Not Governor. Not an ambassador. Not Prime Minister. Not a television star. But here I am working an audience for a fee, with a trans-gender magician and her assistant, Zap. And would you like another article on who ought to become leader of the Conservative Party? Sorry, but I haven't the least idea. As I watched the fireworks from the bus, I didn't really care. I wish I could do Zap's rope trick.

A bridge, not a wall of China

Britain will abide by Hong Kong, says **Robin Cook**

At midnight on Monday fortnight, the eyes of the world will be on Hong Kong. Over the next two weeks nearly 9,000 journalists, 40 or so foreign ministers and countless thousands of others will make the famous descent into Kai Tak airport. Breakfast television will be anchored from Hong Kong. The press are preparing surveys and supplements. The films and novels are already out.

The world will watch an event with no precedent in modern history: the peaceful transfer of sovereignty over 6.5 million people and 400 square miles of territory. An extraordinarily successful society will pass from one great nation to another, each with very different traditions. The basis for that transfer was agreed by Margaret Thatcher in 1984. It was a done deal when the new Government came in. There was no possibility of changing a single detail.

So what is the new British Government's role in this? On my first day in the Foreign Office, a long six weeks ago, I made clear that we saw a successful transition for Hong Kong, on the basis of the Sino-British Joint Declaration of 1984, as one of our highest priorities; that there would be continuity of policy and that Chris Patten would stay as Governor; and that we were committed to the well-being of the people of Hong Kong, particularly the rule of law and the rights and freedoms they now enjoy.

Since then, Hong Kong has taken a great deal of my attention. I have seen Chris Patten and Martin Lee in London. In Parliament and elsewhere, I have reaffirmed that we will do all we can to ensure that China fulfils the detailed promises made in the Joint Declaration.

With that in mind, we have decided that no British minister will attend the swearing-in of a provisional legislature appointed to replace a body elected by more than a million Hong Kong people. We have agreed to report to Parliament every six months on Hong Kong, at least until the turn of century.

I have also put Hong Kong at the top of the agenda for my meetings with other foreign ministers, starting with Madeleine Albright. A successful, stable and free Hong Kong matters to the whole international community. Next week at the Amsterdam European Council, and the week after at the Denver summit of the Eight, we will make sure that world leaders give the future of Hong Kong the attention it deserves.

Over the coming months, the questions will abound. Will Hong Kong keep its free way of life, its civil liberties, the rule of law? Will Hong Kong soon be allowed to hold free and fair elections? What should not be in question is Britain's commitment to stand up for the values we believe in.

I have also made clear that, as long as the Joint Declaration is fully implemented, Hong Kong should be a bridge, not a barrier, between Britain and China. A stable and prosperous Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, enjoying the autonomy and political and economic freedoms promised in the Joint Declaration, would then be at the centre of a more constructive relationship with China. A relationship which acknowledged China's growing weight in the world. A relationship which reflected Britain's interests in Hong Kong and in China as a whole.

These are points which I shall make to the Chinese Foreign Minister when I see him in Hong Kong later this month.

For the transfer of sovereignty at the midnight stroke marks not the end of Britain's engagement with Hong Kong and China, but a new beginning. The essential elements of that engagement will remain much as they are now. Foremost is an abiding commitment to the people of Hong Kong, more than three and a half million of whom will continue to carry British passports.

Beyond that, we have substantial economic interests in Hong Kong and mainland China which the Government is pledged to promote: tens of billions of pounds' worth of investment in Hong Kong — our second-largest Asian market — and in China itself, where we are the largest European investor.

China also has an interest in Hong Kong's economic success. Hong Kong accounts for 20 per cent of China's GDP. It provides most of China's inward investment and is its gateway to the global economy. Hong Kong's prosperity is built on the foundations of a strong civic society and the rule of law, on freedom of information and expression, and on the recognition that political and economic freedoms are indivisible. It is in both Britain's and China's interests that Hong Kong should remain prosperous.

Britain's new Government will do all it can in the days ahead to show how seriously we take our commitment to Hong Kong's future. That is why Tony Blair has decided to fly to Hong Kong to be present at the handover. That is one demonstration of a commitment to Hong Kong which will endure not just for the rest of this century, but into the next millennium.

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THE TIMES DIARY

Lord's lord

JOHN MAJOR plans to make his mark in his resignation honours list announced today. His cricketing hero Sir Colin Cowdrey, 64, is to be made a peer.

It was Major who knighted Cowdrey in 1992 for his contribution to the sport. The former England captain, who played 114 Tests and scored 7,624 runs for his country, feigned ignorance of the rumours yesterday. "Extraordinary," he said. "I really don't know how these things work."

Cowdrey has known the former Prime Minister for many years and helped to promote many of Major's sporting initiatives.

Cricket fans worldwide will rejoice at the news of his peerage, as will his wife, the late Duke of Norfolk's daughter Lady Herries of Terregles. He is the first person to be given a peerage on account of his cricketing since Sir Learie Constantine, the West Indian all-rounder, was elevated in 1969.

The one difficulty facing Cowdrey, a former president of the MCC, is what to call himself. Lord Cowdrey of Marylebone would be ideal but Lord Hailsham has already bagged Marylebone. Canterbury and his home town of Littlehampton are firm favourites for the title.

Elevation: Sir Colin Cowdrey

Smoked out

PEDESTRIANS in Knightsbridge were assailed one lunchtime last week by the sight of Lord Grade, 90, on the pavement outside his home, dressed only in a white towelling robe. He had been evacuated from his fifth-floor penthouse as a result of a fire in a neighbouring restaurant.

His wife Kathleen takes up the tale: "Lew had just gone to have a shower before lunch when we were told to get out of the flat. He grabbed our dogs, Tiffany and Charleston, and we headed down." Outside the street was thick with smoke and Grade realised he would be marooned without an essential prop for some time.

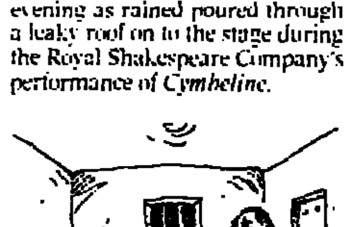
"He'd forgotten his cigars," explains Kathleen, "so he asked me to go back upstairs to get them. I said 'Isn't there enough smoke for you?' but I went back up for him with a fireman — it was perfectly safe." Within seconds of lighting the stogie, Grade was busy directing the rescue operation.

● *Around the corridors of Classic FM, where light music is the stock in trade, they have coined a name for* Always, *the unspeakable new West End musical about Edward and Mrs Simpson: "Wallis and Vomit."*

The Tempest

YOU MIGHT have expected it at Lord's, but not at Stratford. Rain stopped the play on Wednesday evening as rained poured through a leaky roof on to the stage during the Royal Shakespeare Company's performance of *Cymbeline*.

As Adrian Noble's production was reaching the interval, the heavens opened. The interval had to be extended to nearly an hour as the roof was patched up. "The stage was damp, as were changing areas backstage, but the cast struggled through until the interval," said the RSC. Umbrellas were expected at last night's performance of *The Merry Wives of Windsor*.



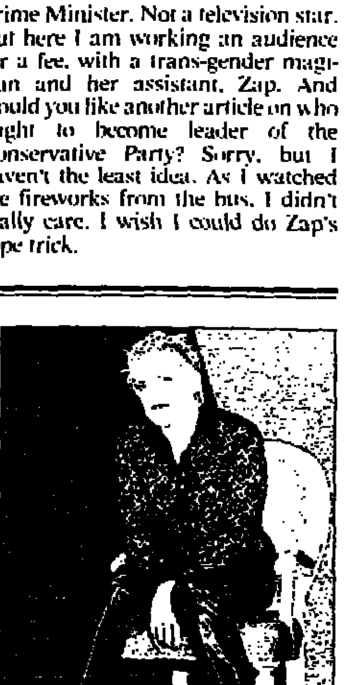
"I got my dress wrong for the Mansion House dinner last night"

Barred

CHERIE BLAIR has few scruples when it comes to using her political clout. As "chair" of the 1997 Bar conference, she would have approved an invitation some time ago to the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Bingham of Cornhill, asking him to give the keynote speech in September.

After new Labour came to power, however, she decided that Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, might impress the delegates more. She duly wrote to Lord Bingham, asking him whether he would mind withdrawing from the key role to become part of the question-and-answer panel instead.

Lord Bingham, a gracious man, complied readily with the request to bow out and Straw is now giving the speech. But he drew the line at becoming a panellist and is no longer attending.



EU petition: Eddie Izzard

● *The European Movement is dispatching its most dramatic new catch to the Amsterdam summit next week. Eddie Izzard, the cross-dressing humorist, is planning to present a petition to Europe's leaders calling for Europe's people to have more say in the EU. "It's about mature democracies coming together to create something totally new," he explains. Chancellor Kohl is said to be looking forward to meeting him.*

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JUSTICE AND JUVENILES

Parliament's writ should be respected by judges

The House of Lords decision that Michael Howard acted unlawfully in setting a minimum 15-year sentence for the killers of James Bulger is more than a footnote to a former minister's career. It is the most authoritative review so far of the sentencing process for a crime which the trial judge called an "act of unparalleled evil and barbarity". The Bulger killing provoked rare horror and a period of national self-examination. It may be no help to the Bulger family, or the killers, that their case is under continual review but it is entirely appropriate that the arguments it generates should be a matter of national debate.

The House of Lords ruling marks another step in the curbing of political intervention in the administration of justice. It also signals an unfortunate haughtiness towards genuine public feeling. The intrusion of executive power into judicial decisions should be exceptional and measured. It is wrong to accord too much weight to popular feeling on sentencing when the facts of the case cannot receive the scrutiny in the taproom they will endure in the judge's chambers. Nevertheless, Michael Howard acted within his rights in insisting that Robert Thomson and Jon Venables serve a minimum of 15 years in prison. It is important, for the sake of public faith in the criminal justice system, that the right of politicians to intervene in the way that the former Home Secretary did is protected.

The law lords were only judging the lawfulness of the former Home Secretary's decision, not its wisdom. Their lordships ruled first that Mr Howard was wrong to set a tariff, or minimum sentence, for juveniles as inflexible as that which applies to adults. They further concluded that the former Home Secretary was wrong to take into account vigorous expressions of public opinion, such as petitions and the response to media campaigns. In neither case did they rule unanimously against him and in both cases matters of principle apply in which the sovereignty of Parliament is at question.

The capacity of the Home Secretary to set the sentence he did derives from the principle that the minister, in those cases where a life sentence is mandatory, can fix a minimum term which must be served. The purpose of his intervention is to satisfy the requirements of retribution and deterrence. The justification for intervention is the need to maintain faith in the criminal justice system. Parliament has vested that role in the Home Secretary.

Given the scale of public disquiet after the Bulger killing and the right the Home Secretary enjoys to "have regard to broader considerations of a public character" in fixing tariffs, how can he ignore public agitation? Judges have taken public feeling into account in the increasingly tough sentences they have applied to dangerous driving offences and, as Lord Browne-Wilkinson argued, the Home Secretary is entitled to take into account expressions of public anger in a crime which will have had a profound impact on popular sentiment.

Following the compact between Parliament and people that led, despite popular opposition, to the abolition of the death penalty, the minister has a duty to consider fixing a minimum sentence that must be served. That minimum is an assurance to the public. The 1991 Criminal Justice Act makes plain that when juveniles are guilty of crimes that would merit a mandatory life sentence for an adult, and are consequently detained indefinitely "at Her Majesty's pleasure", they are also liable to have a minimum tariff fixed.

Lord Lloyd pointed out that since Parliament had explicitly created a link in 1991 between the treatment of adult and child offenders for those crimes which would lead to a mandatory life sentence for adults the Home Secretary was acting within the law. Parliament chose to give the Home Secretary these powers that he might use them to maintain confidence in the justice system, not see them circumscribed by those who administer it.

DON'T BANK ON IT

Brown is right to ensure that inflation is not too low

One of the biggest dangers of handing monetary policy to the Bank of England was always that the Governor and his committee would be overzealous in their approach to inflation. Any central bank can keep prices from rising simply by maintaining very high real interest rates; but the cost is borne in jobs and growth. So it was encouraging to see Gordon Brown's remit for the Bank's monetary policy committee, set out yesterday at the Mansion House, attempting to prevent a deflationary bias creeping into the Bank's management of the economy.

Earlier, it had looked as if Mr Brown expected the Bank to keep inflation between a range of zero to 2.5 per cent. The rational action for the committee would therefore have been to err on the side of caution and aim for, say, 1 per cent. Such a low inflation rate, if achieved, would have had a heavily dampening effect on the real economy, holding back demand, investment, job creation and growth.

The new remit makes it clear that a too-low inflation outcome will be as much a cause for concern as one that is too high. In other words, the Bank should aim at 2.5 per cent, not a lower figure. If the inflation rate is more than 1 per cent higher or lower than the target, Eddie George, the Governor, will have to write an open letter to Mr Brown explaining why this has happened, what he intends to do about it, and how long he expects inflation to remain off-target.

This "open letter" system should act as an extra incentive to the monetary policy committee to keep price rises within the range. Mr Brown accepts that there could be external factors, such as an oil price shock, that could lead to higher inflation in the short term, and that it might not then be in the interests of the economy to take drastic, instant action to bring inflation down. In other words, this promises flexibility as well as answerability.

The Bank's policymaking will now be more transparent than ever. As well as its quarterly *Inflation Report*, it will publish the minutes of committee meetings and the votes of each member. The Governor will appear before a House of Commons Select Committee four times a year and there will be an annual debate on the conduct of monetary policy. The addition of the open letter means that the public should be even better informed about the decision-making process: that is some compensation for the reduced accountability through ministers.

There is also a merit in making the Bank answerable for today's inflation and not just some future rate. Because of the lags in monetary policy, it takes some 18 months to two years before the full effects of an interest rate change feed through to prices. The Bank, therefore, prefers to deal more in forecasts than outcomes. But each outcome is a result of monetary policy decisions taken the previous year. It is right that the Bank should explain where and how it went wrong, and how problems will be rectified.

When Mr Brown took office, his early pronouncements seemed to threaten an over-austere management of the economy. Although this certainly stemmed any market panic that might have materialised after the Labour victory, he overcompensated, if anything, for Labour's past sins. Yesterday's announcement is a promising move towards a more balanced assessment of what a modern economy really needs.

GARDEN INSPECTION

The investigation of the Opera House must be quick and clean

What does a Labour Government do about the Royal Opera House? That is not the most pressing issue facing Mr Blair, but it has the potential to be disproportionately embarrassing for a Government committed to "the people's priorities" in the distribution of lottery proceeds, as well as to improving access to publicly funded culture. Covent Garden receives a £20 million subsidy each year, and has been awarded £78 million towards its redevelopment. Many of its productions this season have been favourably reviewed. Yet its average ticket prices remain beyond the reach of opera fans on average salaries. And recent announcements suggest a management adrift without a strategy.

Its plans, for instance, to keep the Royal Opera and Ballet in ceaseless, Flying Dutchman-style transit between various London halls during the two-year closure were recently described by the Arts Council chairman, Lord Gowrie, as "a shambles" — a curious outburst, since the Arts Council itself was responsible for monitoring them. Then Covent Garden's new chief executive, Genista McIntosh, mysteriously resigned after 18 weeks, and was instantly replaced (without any selection procedure) by the Arts Council's secretary-general, Mary Allen.

Chris Smith, the Heritage Secretary, may feel in retrospect that he was bounced into approving Ms Allen's appointment before he had time to assess the probity of the matter. Since then he has certainly made no secret of his desire to get to the truth behind events that appear murkier than Verdi plots.

In particular, he will want to be reassured that the Opera House and Arts Council between them do not bungle the redevelopment scheme, to which so much lottery money is entrusted. Fresh in his memory will be the grotesquely mismanaged building programme for the new British Library. That costly debacle happened because at no stage in the 20-year saga could the simple question "who's in charge?" be confidently answered. If Mr Smith asks "who's in charge?" at Covent Garden today, he may be similarly confused by the volley of conflicting answers. That is an ominous warning.

But his chosen method of inquiry leaves much to be desired. Rather than investigate the matter himself, or through his departmental civil servants, he has asked the Arts Council to set up an "independent inquiry" into its own relationship with the Opera House. That does not inspire confidence.

Having taken this route, Mr Smith must at least ensure that the person who heads the Arts Council's inquiry is truly independent, and that the report is quickly delivered to the public. If Camelot's chiefs can be hauled in to account for their slice of lottery cake, the scrutiny of those disbursing and receiving lottery grants must be no less rigorous.

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'Wrecking' of BBC World Service

From Mr John Tusa and others

Sir, Brenda Maddox is undoubtedly right (Media and Marketing, June 11) to say that the BBC World Service has been dismantled by the Birt restructuring of June 7 last year. The speed with which it has been carried out is, in our opinion, that of the wrecker, anxious not to be thwarted in his indefensible designs. But she is wrong to assume that it cannot be reversed.

If the Foreign Secretary, Robin Cook, and the Heritage Secretary, Chris Smith, decided between them that the damage should be put right and the component parts of the World Service be reintegrated, then they could be. The cost — on the principle that the wrecker pays — would properly be borne by the domestic BBC and valid questions would then be asked of those responsible for so disastrous and costly a policy.

The removal of English-language programme making from Bush House was decided without internal or external consultation, and without prior discussion with the two senior executives responsible for the World Service, Bob Phillis, the deputy director-general, and Sam Younger, the managing director.

Further, the idea that the domestic BBC could produce programmes suitable for worldwide audiences has been steadily disproved over many years. Radio 4 programmes sounded parochial and irrelevant to the audience; specific requests by the World Service for material precisely tailored for a worldwide audience were either ignored by our domestic colleagues, poorly realised or simply accorded a low priority. Yet this previously trodden and discredited path is just the one down which the domestic BBC is venturing, ignoring the experience of the past.

In fact, the more that World Service devised, commissioned and made its own programmes, the better the network and the associated language programmes became and the more audiences grew.

We believe that a reversal of last year's so-called restructuring of the World Service is not only possible and desirable but a proper part of new Labour's review of its political and administrative inheritance.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN TUSA
(Managing Director,
BBC World Service, 1986-92),
AUSTEN KARK
(Managing Director,
BBC External Broadcasting, 1985-86),
GERARD MANSELL
(Managing Director,
BBC External Broadcasting, 1972-1981).
As from: 21 Christchurch Hill, NW3.
June 11.

Panorama's time-slot

From Mr Mark Damazer

Sir, Sir Paul Fox (letter, June 10) suggests that moving *Panorama*'s start time to 10pm "diminishes the programme and the BBC". On the contrary, the move is designed to strengthen both *Panorama* and BBC1's Monday night line-up overall. Other BBC1 factual programmes have performed strongly when they have moved to 10pm and we have every reason to believe that *Panorama*, too, will do so.

Sir Paul suggests that no one can remember recent *Panoramas* other than the interview with the Princess of Wales in November 1995. In fact, the *Panorama* team has been responsible for a string of high-quality programmes in the last two years — not least those on Child B and the closure of The Ridings School.

The move is a positive development for what is, quite rightly, the most influential and widely respected current-affairs programme on television, and the Governors endorsed the change on this basis.

Yours faithfully,
MARK DAMAZER
(Head of Weekly Programmes,
BBC News),
British Broadcasting Corporation,
Television Centre, Wood Lane, W12.
June 11.

Press freedom

From Mr Howard Gander

Sir, The decision of Lord Irvine of Lairg, the Lord Chancellor, to restrict journalists at his press conference to questions that conformed to the previously faxed programme (report, June 7), with the implied threat of possible banishment if they did not do as they were told, strikes chill to the heart.

The further statement by the press officer: "I look forward to seeing what you all write tomorrow," fills me with foreboding.

One way to counter this threat to the freedom of the press is for future press conferences to be devoid of any journalist from a reputable paper or TV news team.

Alternatively, Lord Irvine could be instructed by the Prime Minister to "open up the Lord Chancellor's Department to the people", to coin a phrase, and allow free questioning.

If Mr Blair ignores such outrageous behaviour and does nothing, then surely he will be the ultimate loser.

Yours sincerely,
H. C. W. GANDER,
37 Ilges Lane,
Cholsey, Oxfordshire.
June 7.

Politics, science and the Irish famine

From Mr John B. McMullan

Sir, The assertion by Dr R. N. Strange (letter, June 5) that the real cause of the Irish potato famine was the fungus *Phytophthora infestans* is misguided. The fungus was undoubtedly the cause of the failure of the potato, but not necessarily of the famine.

According to Robert Key (*Ireland, A History*, Weidenfeld & Nicolson, 1980) the potato crop in the summer of 1845 was as badly affected in England, but the blight caused no famine there. The famine in Ireland was largely due to British government policy.

Instrumental in formulating policy was a civil servant, Sir Charles Trevelyan, Permanent Secretary to the Treasury. Trevelyan was concerned about the economic effects if other cheap food was imported into Ireland. He actually rejected a cargo of Indian corn on its way to Ireland and at the time wrote:

> The only way to prevent people from becoming habitually dependent on government is to bring operations to a close . . . Whatever may be done hereafter, these things should be stopped now, or you run the risk of paralysing all private enterprise and having this country [Ireland] on you for an indefinite number of years.

He reprimanded some local relief officers in Cork who, against orders, had made Indian corn available for sale as it undermined the market.

The policy was summed up by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Charles Wood: "It is not the intention at all to import food for the use of the people of Ireland."

It is thus the case that the famine was caused by British government policy. It is only just, albeit 150 years later, that Tony Blair acknowledges the ineptitude and inhumanity of that policy.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN McMULLAN,
137 Belfast Road,
Saintfield, Co Down.
June 6.

From Professor Emeritus
P. B. Fellgett, FRS

Sir, Dr Strange is of course correct that the primary cause of the Irish potato famine was the susceptibility of the strains of potatoes grown then, as now, to the potato-blight fungus.

The cause of this universal susceptibility was the narrow genetic base of the cultivars, all of which had been bred from a few tubers collected from regions of South America where blight is not endemic and therefore where resistance to this fungus conveys no selective advantage.

Yet narrowing of the genetic base of all our vegetables is currently being imposed on us by national and EU legislation, and I am amazed that neither politicians nor media seem aware of the huge dangers this involves.

It is now illegal either to buy or to market vegetable seeds that have not been accepted and registered as "distinct, uniform and stable", according to EU regulations; in other words, having a narrow genetic base. Moreover registration is costly and it confers no competitive advantage, so the number of cultivars is being eroded and many old and well-tried favourites are being lost.

The legislation could hardly be more inimical to genetic diversity if it had been devised for this purpose. Moreover it is an unjustifiable infringement of the civil liberty of a willing vendor to sell, and a willing purchaser to buy, a harmless object. Let there by all means be national and EU-registered varieties of seeds, but let the purchaser have the choice of whether to buy these or some other variety of his choice. Otherwise we may face a famine not confined to potatoes.

Yours faithfully,
PETER FELLGETT,
Little Brighter,
St Kew Highway,
Bodmin, Cornwall.
June 5.

Sinn Fein policy

From Mr Harry Barnes, MP for
Derbyshire North East (Labour)

Sir, Sinn Fein's 1986 decision to allow a victorious candidate to take his seat in the Irish Parliament — Caoimhghin O Caolain being the first to be elected last weekend (report, June 9) — creates an interesting contradiction in Sinn Fein policy.

Their refusal to take the oath at Westminster (perhaps in the qualified manner perfected by Tony Benn and others), on the grounds that this would recognise British jurisdiction over Ireland and the reality of partition, contrasts with their recognition of the Dail. This is the so-called "Free State" Parliament which is itself a product of partition and whose vast majority endorses the consent principle — that Northern Ireland is the unit that determines its own future.

Sinn Fein must make its mind up. If it accepts so-called "partitionist" structures in the Irish Republic, why should it not do the same in Britain — to the benefit of its otherwise unrepresented electors? In the meantime, there is no reason why another single drop of blood should be shed.

Yours sincerely,
HARRY BARNES,
House of Commons.
June 11.

Anti-European groups

From the Leader of the
UK Independence Party

Sir, Contrary to your report today, I am not opposed to my party having discussions with like-minded anti-EU groups.

The point is that a national umbrella organisation linking these groups already exists. It is called the Anti-Maastricht Alliance, is chaired by Lord Stoddart of Swindon and has as its secretary Sir Robin Williams.

The UK Independence Party has been a member of this body from the very beginning and will continue to work through it. There is no need to reinvent the wheel.

My party's national executive has every confidence in the AMA and its distinguished officers.

Yours sincerely,
ALAN SKED,
Leader,
UK Independence Party,
80 Regent Street, W1.
June 6.

Pole position

From Colonel M. C. Spence (retd)

Sir, Good luck to Mr Ashley Sims and his upside-down maps (letter, June 9), although the original idea does not seem to have sustained its early success. Mr al Sharif al Idrisi from North Africa produced an upside-down map of the world for King Roger II of Sicily during the 12th century which was highly regarded at the time.

North was at the bottom of the map in accordance with ancient, even then, Egyptian tradition based on the flow of the Nile.

Yours faithfully,
M. C. SPENCE,
c/o The British Club,
PO Box 26401, Bahrain.
June 10.

Tory grass roots

From Councillor John Whelan

Sir, As appears to be the case in the North West (Mr Ronald M. Bell's letter, June 10), rumours of the impending death of the Leeds West Conservative Association have been exaggerated.

Far from having fewer than 20 members, as was indicated in the bar chart which you carried on June 6, there are over 200. During the general election campaign, in which I was the Conservative candidate, new recruits ranging in age from students to grandparents joined the party, delivered literature, canvassed and displayed posters.

Leeds West also raised all the money to pay for the campaign exclusively from fundraising and its own members' pockets, unlike the Labour Party which is mostly centrally financed.

If that is "virtually defunct" (Mr Pinto-Duschinsky's phrase in the adjoining article) then Leeds West must have been the mouse that roared.

Yours faithfully
JOHN WHELAN,
Leeds West Conservative Association,
Farfield House,
Theaker Lane,
Leeds, West Yorkshire.
June 10.

Spread of Europhobia

From Mr George Racz

Sir, Euromania/Europhilia is a minor illness affecting some politicians; Euroscepticism/Europhobia is a major epidemic which has spread from Britain to all parts of the Community.

The free movement of goods in a single market was a fundamental principle of the EEC, EC and the EU. Yet France has persistently refused to comply, and the latest incident (report, "European borders blocked by lorry drivers", June 10) proves once again that the French Government is unable or unwilling to prevent international chaos caused by French hauliers. Neither can Brussels.

The foundation of the EU is badly flawed and the edifice built on it is bound, sooner or later, to collapse. The sooner the better, in my view.

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE RACZ,
7 Wellington House,
Eton Road, NW3.
June 10.

Watching the clock

From Mr Robin W. Cleal

Sir, Mr Tony Fenlon's lateral solution of using his method of timing his daily workouts to decide the millennium date debate (letter, June 7) does, of course, amuse us, and so is well worthwhile.

Reality, however, demands that we remember that Mr Fenlon's keep-fit machine tells him which minute he has completed. Our Anno Domini system tells us which year we are living through.

Yours faithfully,
R. W. CLEAL,
Watchfield,
Hartgrove,
Shaftesbury, Dorset.
June 8.

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Measures to cut motor traffic

From Dr J. M. Wober

Sir, The long-term reduction in the number of deaths and major injuries on the roads combined with an increase in minor injuries (report, June 6) point to useful future policy.

Motor traffic in towns is increasingly beset with obstacles whose intention, and possibly effects are negative. Interwoven with the maze of bumps and chicanes are erratic strands of busway and cycle path (I write as a long-term cyclist) whose combined effects make progress for all more problematic. In what is left of the countryside car drivers are made to fear that their mobility will be hampered by heavier taxes and other blanket measures.

Three measures, if they were combined, might improve matters: a ceiling on the number of vehicle licences in circulation (with around 22 million households in the UK there are approximately 26 million vehicle licences — this number could be set as a ceiling, or even gradually reduced); the removal of some of the obstacles that anger urban drivers; and the testing or retesting of older drivers (I write as an over-60) and all new ones for the ability to negotiate narrow spaces.

Yours sincerely,
MALLORY WOBER,
Flat C, 17 Lancaster Grove, NW3.
June 8.

From Mr G. D. Clarke

Sir, Mr John Coleman suggests in his letter today that a card be issued to motorists to enable them to travel at half fare on buses and trains.

Who does he suggest should pay the full fare? Those like me who have never had a car and cycled to work daily for 40 years? I think we have already done our bit.

Yours faithfully,
G. D. CLARKE,
31 Crutchfield Lane,
Walton on Thames, Surrey.
June 5.

BA's ethnic route

From Mr Robert Sandall

Sir, Now that British Airways have chosen to adorn their fleet of aircraft with exotically painted tailfins (report, photograph and leading article, June 11) should we expect flight crews, in the spirit of things, to follow suit?

Perhaps grass skirts on flights to Hawaii, or perhaps ten-gallon hats and leather chaps to Texas? And as for flights to Papua New Guinea a simple G-string would not be out of place.

It could give a whole new meaning to in-flight entertainment.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT SANDALL,
The Coach House,
99 Hazelbourne Road, SW12.
June 11.

From Ms Brenda Khanfer

Sir, Doesn't the head of British Airways realise that the majority of people, both British and other nationalities, who fly with BA do so because it is a British air carrier and instils a feeling of confidence, reliability and customer service? How can one identify with a plane that appears to have a piece of Afro/Asian fabric on its tail?

I am a recent visitor to one of these continents and have experienced more than one life-threatening situation. You cannot imagine my sheer relief at seeing the BA plane with its familiar flag waiting on the runway to bring me home.

Some quick action is needed before the millions are spent on this ridiculous facelift.

Yours faithfully,
BRENDA KHANFER
(Director),
Petra Associates (Marketing and
Promotion Consultants),
Old Applecroft Farm,
Great Henny, Sudbury, Suffolk.
June 10.

Sales patter

From Mr Terry Sadler

Sir, I find a sales assistant's endorsement of my purchase with "Good choice" (letter, June 10) almost acceptable compared with the increasingly used and totally meaningless phrase "There you go" following the receipt of virtually anything.

Yours faithfully,
TERRY SADLER,
1 Windsor Drive,
West Wittering, West Sussex.
June 10.

Bucket and chuck it

From Mr Alec Gallagher

Sir, I was appalled to read in today's report about the occupancy of Rockall by members of an organisation called Greenpeace that the lavatory facilities involve the pollution of the ocean with raw sewage ("bucket and chuck it", as the procedure was memorably described).

Isn't there someone prepared to protest against this sort of environmentally unfriendly behaviour?

Yours faithfully,
A. R. GALLAGHER,
4 Mavis Court,
4 Raven Close, Colindale, NW9.
June 12.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

June 12: The Crown Prince of Nepal was received by The Queen this morning.

His Excellency Mian Riaz Samee was received in audience by Her Majesty and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador from the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to the Court of St James's.

Mrs Riaz Samee was also received by The Queen.

Sir John Coles (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) was present.

Mr Justice Coghlin was received by The Queen upon his appointment as a Justice of the High Court in Northern Ireland when Her Majesty conferred upon him the honour of Knighthood and invested him with the Insignia of a Knight Bachelor.

The following were received in audience by The Queen and kissed hands upon their appointment as Her Majesty's Ambassadors: Mr George Edgar (Cambodia), Mr John Forbes-Meyler (the Republic of Ecuador), Mr Roy Osbourne (the Republic of Nicaragua), Mr Colin Munro (the Republic of Croatia), and Mr Timothy Craddock (the Republic of Estonia).

Mrs Edgar, Mrs Forbes-Meyler, Mrs Osbourne and Mrs Munro were also received by Her Majesty.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh this evening arrived at Lambeth Pier and were received by the Chairman, Port of London Authority (Sir Brian Shaw).

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness embarked in the Port of London Authority Barge *Royal Nore*, proceeded downriver to Emerson Street Stairs and were received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Greater London (Field Marshal the Lord Bramall KG) and the Mayor of Southwark (Coucillor William Skelly).

The Queen's Bargemaster and Watermen were on duty).

The Queen, with The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron, the Shakespeare Globe Trust, subsequently attended a special celebratory performance to mark the opening of Shakespeare's Globe Theatre, London SE1, and were received by the Chairman of the Shakespeare Globe Trust (Sir Michael Perry).

Afterwards Her Majesty and His Royal Highness witnessed a display of Fireworks.

The Duke of Edinburgh, President, this morning chaired a meeting of the Royal Mint Advisory Committee at Buckingham Palace.

His Royal Highness, Patron, Opportunities for People with Disabilities, later attended a Reception at the Gibson Hall, Bishopsgate, London EC2.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

June 12: The Princess Royal, President, Save the Children Fund, this afternoon attended an Industry and Commerce Group Meeting and, this evening, attended a Private Appeal Dinner at Buckingham Palace.

CLARENCE HOUSE

June 12: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was entertained at Luncheon today by the Chairman (Brigadier Roger Preston) and members of The King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry Officers' Club at Claridge's.

The Lady Angela Oswald and Major Raymond Seymour were in attendance.

ST JAMES'S PALACE

June 12: The Prince of Wales, Vice Patron, the British Council, today attended a Reception to mark the 1997 European Series at St James's Palace.

His Royal Highness this afternoon unveiled the newly restored Elfin Oak in Kensington Gardens and afterwards attended a Reception given by the Royal Parks Agency in the Orangery, Kensington Palace.

The Prince of Wales this evening attended a Service of Thanksgiving and Dinner at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich, London SE10, to celebrate the Royal Navy at Greenwich.

KENSINGTON PALACE

June 12: The Duke of Gloucester, Commissioner, English Heritage, today continued with the Commissioners' Annual Tour of Cornwall.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE

June 12: The Duke of Kent, Chancellor, the University of Surrey, this morning presided at the Conferment of Degrees Ceremony in Guildford Cathedral, Surrey.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
RICHMOND PARK

June 12: Princess Alexandra, Deputy Colonel-in-Chief of the Light Infantry, this afternoon received Major-General J.F. Deverall, Colonel of the Regiment, Lieutenant Colonel T.J. Gregson, upon relinquishing command of the 1st Battalion and Lieutenant Colonel M.C.D. Montagu, upon assuming the command.

Her Royal Highness, President of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, and the Rt Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy this evening attended the Grosvenor House Art and Antiques Fair Charity Gala Evening at Grosvenor House, Park Lane, London W1.

Princess Alexandra was represented by the Earl of Scarbrough at the Memorial Service for the Hon Lady Hastings which was held in Holy Trinity Church, Wentworth, South Yorkshire, today.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint Rear Admiral Christopher Layman Gentleman Usher of the Green Rod on the retirement of Rear Admiral David Dunbar-Nasmith.

Birthdays today

Major Sir Ralph Anstruther, treasurer and equerry to Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, 76; Mr David Curry, MP, 53; Sir Reginald Doyle, former HM Chief Inspector of Fire Services, 68; Professor Inga-Stina Ewbank, Professor of English literature, Leeds University, 65; Mr Gwynne Howell, opera singer, 59; Lord Hylton, 65; Mr Tom King, CH, MP, 64; Captain Norman Lloyd-Edwards, Lord-Lieutenant of South Glamorgan, 64; Mr Malcolm McDowell, actor, 54; Sir Peter Marychurch, former director, GCHQ, 70; Mr Michael Melluish, former president, MCC, 65; Dr Barbara Reynolds, lexicographer, 83; Colonel Sir John Ruggles-Brise, former Lord-Lieutenant of Essex, 89; Dr Bertram Schofield, former Keeper of Manuscripts, British Museum, 101; Mr Peter Scudamore, former jockey, 39; Mrs Mary Whitehouse, founder and president emeritus, National Viewers' and Listeners' Association, 87; Mr Andreas Whittam Smith, former Editor, *The Independent*, 60.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Fanny Burney (Mme D'Arblay), diarist and novelist, Lynn, Norfolk, 1752; Thomas Arnold, educator, Cowes, 1795; W.B. Yeats, poet, dramatist, senator of the Irish Free State, Nobel laureate 1923, Dublin, 1865; Basil Rathbone, actor, South Africa, 1892; Dorothy L. Sayers, detective story writer and scholar, Oxford, 1893.

DEATHS: Alexander the Great, King of Macedonia, Iraq, 323 BC; Sir Henry Segrave, holder of speed records on land and water, killed on Windermere, 1930; Jesse Boot, 1st Baron Trent, chemist and philanthropist, Millbrook, Jersey, 1931; Benny Goodman, clarinettist, Manhattan, 1986.

The first V1 flying bomb hit London, 1944.

DES JENSON

A team from Amnesty International won the overall prize at an award ceremony held in central London last night for the most effective use of the Internet. The New Media Age Effectiveness Awards, partly sponsored by *The Times*, were designed to gauge the success of the Internet as a communications medium

Memorial services

Lord Mayhew

The Lord Chancellor was represented by Lord Boston of Faversham, QC, at a service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Lord Mayhew held yesterday at St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey.

Canon Donald Gray officiated, assisted by the Rev the Hon David Mayhew (son). Mr Edward Bickersteth and Lady Mayhew, widow, read the lessons. Lord Jenkins of Hillhead, OM, and Mr Michael Adams gave addresses.

The Rev Roger Holloway was robed and seated in the Sanctuary.

The Lord Privy Seal and Lord Callaghan of Cardiff, KG, and Lady Callaghan, attended. The Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and the Permanent Under Secretary of State and the Head of the Diplomatic Service were represented by Sir Roger Hervey. Among others present were:

The Hon James Mrs Mayhew (son and daughter-in-law), the Hon Judy Mayhew (daughter), Mr and the Hon Mrs R Lyle (son-in-law and daughter), the Hon Mrs David Mayhew (daughter-in-law), Miss Jessica Mayhew, Hannah Mayhew and Emily Mayhew (grandchildren), Mr and Mrs Patrick Mayhew (brother and sister-in-law), Mr and Mrs Luke Mayhew, Mrs Anthony Cochrane, Mr Timothy Cochrane, Mr Matthew Cochrane, Miss Sarah Cochrane, Mrs Douglas Evans, Mr and Mrs Graham Williams, Mrs Hilary Clough, Mr Stephen Howarth.

The Syrian Ambassador, Ambassador and Mme Nadim Dimichkie, the Duke of Norfolk, KG, Lord Addington, Viscount Falkland, Earl Howe, the Earl of Clanwilliam, Lord Annaly, the Rev Lord Beaumont of Whitley, Lord Beloff, Lord Blaker, Lord and Lady Boyd-Carpenter, Lord and Lady Campbell of Croy, Field Marshal Lord Carver, Lord Ezra, Lord Gladwyn, Lord and Lady Greenhill of Harrow, Lord Hampton, Baroness Hamwee, Lord Harding of Petherton, Lord and Lady Harris of Greenwich, Lord Hayhoe, Lord Holme of Cheltenham, Lord Hooson, QC.

Lord Hunt of Tanworth, Lord Hylton, Lady Lloyd of Kilgerran, Lord McNally, Lord Methuen, Lord Ogmore, Lord Pym, Lord Redesdale, Lord Renton, QC, Lord Rochester, Lord Rodgers of Quarry Bank, Lord Shawcross, QC, Lord Strabolgi, Lord Taverne, QC, Lord Thomson of Monifieth, KT, and Lady Thomson, Lord and Lady Tordoff, Lord Wallace of Saltaire, Lord Weatherill, Lord and Lady Wyatt of Weeford, Lady Gordon-Walker.

Sir Anthony Nutting, Mr Alan Beith, MP, Sir Edward du Cann, the Hon Sir Peter and Lady Ramsbotham, the Hon David Gilmour, the Hon Alan Gordon-Walker, Mr Aubrey Jones, Sir Harold Beeley, Dame Jennifer Jenkins, Sir Philip and the Hon Lady Adams, Sir Stephen and Lady Egerton, Sir Richard and Lady Evans, Sir Hugh Jones, Sir John Killick, Sir Austin Pearce, Sir Frank Roberts, Sir Stephen and Lady Wall, Sir Dennis and Lady Walters, Sir Cyril Townsend (Council for the Advancement of Arab British Understanding) and Lady Townsend, Sir James Craig (Vice-chairman, Middle East International) with Mr Stephen Sherman (editor), Mr Michael Wall, (consulting editor) and other members of staff.

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Dr Bassam Naamani and Dr Jean Makaron (Lebanese Embassy), Ms Fatma Galal (Egyptian Embassy), Mr Jonathan Fryer (Honorary Consul of Mauritania in the United Kingdom), Mr and Mrs A M Al-Quattan (A M Al-Qattan Foundation), Mr Anthony Lee and Mrs Mary Pyves (Arab-British Centre), Mr Billy Dove (Attlee Foundation), Mr J J Fallon (Gallipoli Association) and Mrs Fallon, Mr T W Tyrwhitt-Drake (Haileybury Society), Mr Afif Safieh (Palistinian General Deligation) and Mrs Safieh, M Jean-Michel Dumont (Parliamentary Association for Euro-Arab Co-operation), Professor Ian Hall (Bloomsbury International Society), Mr A C Duncan (World of Islam Festival Trust) and Mrs Duncan, representatives of Ernst & Young, the League of Arab States, the Liverpool Victoria Friendly Society, the Medical Aid for Palestinians and many other friends and colleagues.

Mr Simon Hanbury

The King of Nepal was represented by Sir Jeremy Bagge at service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Simon Hanbury of La Mortola, Italy, held yesterday at the Church of All Saints, Binfield, Berkshire. Colonel Edward Armistead officiated. Miss Serena Hanbury and Miss Melissa Hanbury (daughters) and Mr Jonathan Hanbury, son, led the prayers and gave readings. Mr Martin Scott gave an address. The Rajmata of Jaipur attended. Among others present were:

Mrs Hanbury (widow), Mr and Mrs Ben Hanbury and Mr and Mrs Timothy Hanbury (brothers and sisters-in-law), Mr and Mrs William Seymour (father-in-law and mother-in-law), Lady Hanbury, Sir Nicholas and Lady Bonsor and other members of the family, friends and former colleagues.

Mr Cecil Arthur Lewis

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Cecil Arthur Lewis, author and a founder of the BBC, was held yesterday in St Clement Danes, the Strand. The Rev Peter Bishop officiated. Miss Sue Lawley read from an inscription on a granite stone in Parco Giardino, Verona, Mr John Theocharis read *Ithaca* by C P Cavafy, Mr Max Arthur read *Tomorrow* by Cecil Lewis and Mr Ian Gillham read *Remember* by Christina Rossetti.

Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Graydon gave an address and a tribute by Canon Colin Semper was read by Mr Don McClen. An extract of the BBC recording of *Sagittarius Rising* read by Cecil Lewis was broadcast to the congregation. Among those present were:

Mrs Lewis (widow), Miss Celia Lewis (daughter), Miss Nicola Lewis; Marshal of the RAF Lord Craig of Radley, Sir Thomas Stockdale, Marshal of the RAF Sir Michael Beetham, Marshal of the RAF Sir Denis Spotswood, Air Chief Marshal Sir William Wratten, Air Chief Marshal Sir Lewis and Lady Hodges, Lady Graydon, Air Marshal Sir John and Lady Curtiss, Air Vice-Marshal and Mrs John May.

Mr David Hatch, Mr Bill Cotton, Mr Leonard Miall, Mr Giles Semper, Mr Steve Race, Mr Gerald Howarth, MP, and Mrs Howarth, Mr and Mrs Robert Sackville West, Mr and Mrs Nigel Sedgwick.

The Very Rev John Lang, Air Commodore John De'Ath, Commander and Mrs Barry Nation, Mr and Mrs Roddy Loder-Symonds, Mr Alfred Menzies, Miss Romily Menzies, Miss Rea Menzies, Mr Jonathon Iremonger, Mr Michael Mann, Mrs C Siegfried, Mrs Don McClen, Miss Barbara Boote, Mr Derek Priestly, representatives of the RAF Benevolent Board, Oundle School, *The Eagle*, King Edward VIIth Hospital for Officers and many other friends and colleagues.

Canon Perceval Hayman and Mrs Sylvia Hayman

A service of thanksgiving for Canon Perceval Hayman and Mrs Sylvia Hayman will be held in the Lady Chapel of Chichester Cathedral at noon on Monday, July 7.

Church news

Appointments

The Rev Celia Adams, formerly Associate Minister, Caludon Team Ministry: part-time member of the chaplaincy team at the George Eliot Hospital, Nuneaton (Coventry).

The Rev Anthony Ashwell, Assistant Curate/Team Rector-designate, proposed Crediton Team Ministry (Exeter): to be Team Vicar, Bride Valley Team Ministry (Salisbury).

The Rev Dr Peter Bold, Assistant Curate, Grenoside, Sheffield: to be Assistant Curate, Rotherham parish church, Priest-in-charge, St Barnabas, Rotherham, and Diocesan Communications Officer (Sheffield).

The Rev Jay Colwill, Curate, Reading St Agnes w St Paul: to be Assistant Curate, East Hampstead St Michael and St Mary Magdalene, w special responsibility for Birch Hill, Hanworth and Church at the Pines Local Ecumenical Parish (Oxford).

The Rev Richard Deimel, Priest-in-charge, Studley w Mapplehorough Green (Coventry): to be Vicar of that parish.

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, Deputy Colonel-in-Chief, will attend a parade to present The Queen's Royal Hussars with a new Guidon, Cambrai Barracks, Catterick at 11.00.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, as Colonel-in-Chief, on behalf of The Queen, will present a Guidon to The Queen's Royal Hussars (The Queen's Own and Royal Irish) at Catterick Garrison at 10.50.

The Prince of Wales will hold a reception at St James's Palace at 4.30 to mark the 50th anniversary of India and Pakistan's Independence.

The Princess Royal will make an informal visit to the Dorothy House Foundation, Winsley, Bradford-on-Avon, Yorkshire, at 11.00.

The Duchess of Gloucester will attend a service in Chichester Cathedral, West Sussex, at 11.55 to mark the 500th anniversary of the Prebendal; and will open the new main building of St Richard's Hospital, Chichester, at 2.15.

Forthcoming marriages

**Mr W.R. Greig
and Miss J. Fanning**

The engagement is announced between William, son of Mr Neil Greig and of the late Mrs Por Greig, of Buntingford, Hertfordshire, and Janis, daughter of Mr Clive Fanning, of Osborne Park, Belfast, and of Mrs Norma Fanning, of Hampton Manor, Belfast.

**Mr G.C. Hooper
and Señorita M-J. Herreros Bejares**

The engagement is announced between Guy, elder son of Mr and Mrs John Hooper, of Layenham, Suffolk, and Maria-Jose, elder daughter of Señor and Señora Fernando Herreros Valenzuela, of Yerbas Buenas, Linares, Chile.

**Mr M.G. Moultrie
and Miss A.R.H. Wilson**

The engagement is announced between Michael, younger son of the late Mr and Mrs William Moultrie, of Saltcoats, Ayrshire, and Anna, daughter of Mr and Mrs John A. Wilson, of Henleaze, Bristol.

**Mr C.C. Robinson
and Miss A. Otomo**

The engagement is announced between Charles, elder son of Mr Christopher Robinson, of Bures, Suffolk, and of Mrs Amanda Tempest-Radford, and Akiko, daughter of Mr and Mrs Takeshi Otomo, of Akita City, Japan. The marriage will take place shortly in Japan, followed by a service in Europe to be announced later.

**Mr M.S. Smith
and Miss H.L. Dunstan**

The engagement is announced between Mark, only son of Mr and Mrs Leslie A. Smith, of Walthamstow, and Helen, daughter of Dr and Mrs Malcolm Dunstan, of Hayford Hall, Devonshire.

Marriage

**Mr R.J.F. Wildman
and Mrs M.C. Forsyth**

The marriage took place in London, on Tuesday, June 10, between Mr Robert Wildman, of Chelsea, SW3, and Mrs Margaret Forsyth, née Vallance, of Weasenham All Saints, Norfolk.

Dinners

The Lord Mayor

The Lord Mayor, accompanied by Miss Melissa Cork, entertained at dinner last night at the Mansion House the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Governor and Directors of the Bank of England, bankers and merchants of the City of London, Members of the Court of Aldermen, the Sheriffs, the Chief Commoner and some Members of the Court of Common Council of the Corporation of London.

The Lord Mayor, the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Governor of the Bank of England were the speakers. Others present included:

Mrs Eddie George, Sir Robert Bellinger, Sir Peter Studd, Sir Murray Fox, Sir Francis McWilliams, Mrs Margaret Beckett, MP, Mr Nicholas Brown, MP, Mr Alistair Darling, MP, Ms Dawn Primarolo, MP, Mrs Helen Liddell, MP, Mr Don Touhig, MP, Mr Kenneth Clarke, QC, MP, Mr Malcolm Bruce, MP, Mr Nicholas Harvey, MP, Sir Terence Burns, Sir Alan Budd, Professor Andrew Uklerman, Mr Nicholas Macpherson, Mr John Kemp-Welch, Sir David Rowland, Sir Michael Jenkins, Lord Wolfson and Lord Stirling of Plaistow.

Royal Society of St George

Vice-Admiral Sir James Weatherall, President of the City of Westminster branch of the Royal Society of St George, received the guests at a dinner held last night onboard Flagship *Cutty Sark*, Greenwich. General Sir Martin Farndale was the guest speaker. Mr Robert Sewell, chairman, also spoke.

Foundation for Science and Technology

Lord Jenkin of Roding, Chairman of the Council of the Foundation for Science and Technology, presided at a lecture and dinner discussion held last night at the Royal Society. Professor Duncan M. Geddes, Mr Nick Ross and Professor Alan Maynard were the speakers.

Service dinners

HMS Sultan

The Chief Constable of Hampshire was the guest of honour at a dinner held last night in the Wardroom of *HMS Sultan*. Commander D.W. Pond presided.

Coastal Command Halifax Squadrons

Flight Lieutenant J.A. Bell presided at the annual dinner of the Coastal Command Halifax Squadrons held last night at the Yorkshire Air Museum, Elvington. Mr Ian Robinson, executive chairman of the museum, was the principal guest.

Reception

Story of Christmas Appeal

The Deputy Lord Mayor of Westminster was the principal guest at a reception held yesterday at 45 Berkeley Square to launch the twentieth annual Story of Christmas Appeal in aid of the Drugs in Schools Helpline, Crisis (Open Christmas London Shelters) and the Orpheus Trust. Mr Aled Jones, vice-president, Mr Robert Spooner, chairman, and Lady (Timothy) Walker, administrator, received the guests.

Luncheons

HM Government

The Crown Prince of Nepal was the guest of honour at a dinner given by Her Majesty's Government yesterday at 1 Carlton Gardens. Mr Robin Cook, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was the host.

Lime Street Ward Club

The Lord Mayor, accompanied by Mr Sheriff and Mrs Keith Knowles, was a speaker at the annual civic luncheon of the Lime Street Ward Club held yesterday at Guildhall. Mr Charles Bowman, Master, assisted by the Wardens, presided. Mr Dennis Cotgrove, Upper Warden, Mr Michael Bramwell, Chief Commoner, and Mr Alderman Michael Everard, president, also spoke. Among others present were:

Mrs Everard, Mr Alderman and Mrs David Howard, the President of the Chartered Institute of Loss Adjusters, the Warden of the Broderers' Company, representatives of the Aldgate, Bishopsgate and Langbourn Ward Clubs and members of the Court of Common Council.

Service luncheon

2nd Punjab Regiment Officers' Association

The 2nd Punjab Regiment Officers' Association marked the 50th anniversary of their formation at a luncheon held yesterday at the Army and Navy Club, Pall Mall. Lieutenant-Colonel J.D. Montagu presided.

The Brigidine School, Windsor

The Brigidine School, Windsor will be celebrating its Golden Jubilee in 1998 and invites all former pupils to make contact as soon as possible. Photographs and memorabilia would be gratefully received. Please telephone Mrs M.B. Cairns, Headmistress, on 01753 863779. The Brigidine School, King's Road, Windsor, Berkshire SL4 2AX.

Painter-Stainers' Company

Mr John Makepeace, Founder and Director of the Parham Trust and Parham College, opened a craft exhibition held yesterday a Painters' Hall. Members of the Painter-Stainers' Company, exhibitors, associated craftsmen and students from the London Guildhall University, the Reigate School of Art and Design and the Royal School of Military Engineering displayed examples of their work.

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BAREFIELD - On 29th May, to Andrew and Kim (née Bradley), a beautiful daughter, Isadora Margaret Rose. Isadora, my inspiration and love of my life, E.J.

BENTLEY - On 11th June, to Rosanna (née Pugh) and Andrew, a son, Fergus Michael Anthony.

CARRELET - On June 10th 1997 at The Portland Hospital, to Catherine and Manuel, a son, Pierre John, a brother for Tatiana and Christophe.

COLTHURST - On Thursday 5th June 1997, to Dominique (née Coles) and James, a beautiful daughter, Cicely Rachel, a sister for Leah.

FURNEAUX/JAMES - On 28th May, to Jocelyn James and Charles Furneaux, a daughter, Cornelia Beatrice Vita, a sister for Morgan.

MITSOTAKI - On June 7th at The Portland Hospital, to Mareva Grabowski Mitsotaki and Kyriakos Mitsotakis, a daughter, Sophia.

SADH - On May 6th at The Portland Hospital, to Sonia (née Gulati) and Sanjeev, a daughter, Sabina.

SAVITZ - On June 8th at The Portland Hospital, to Alisa and Peter, a daughter, Olivia Gordon.

SUCKLING - On 9th June, to Katherine and Jonathan, a son, George James Walter, a brother for Charlotte and Dominic.

WESTON - On June 8th at The Portland Hospital, to Eliza (née Lamena) and Michael, a daughter, Grace, a sister for Charlotte.

WILKINSON - On May 19th 1997, to Christine Wartiner Wilkinson and Philip Wilkinson, a son, Henry Jack, a brother for Alexandra.

BIRTHS

WILLIAMS - On 5th June 1997, to Sara (née Sherlock) and Peter, a son, Oscar Montgomery.

DEATHS

ANNETT - Leopold Edwin Clifford 15th May 1916 - 10th June 1997. Peacefully after a short illness.

BRASNETT - The Reverend Canon Leslie Stanley on 11th June 1997 peacefully aged 100 at The Cranford Nursing Home, Exmouth. Funeral Service at Holy Trinity Church, Exmouth, on Thursday 19th June at 10.30am, followed by interment at St John's, Winsford, Cheshire, on Friday 20th June at 10 am. Donations in lieu of flowers to The National Childrens Home c/o Crews & Son, Tower Street, Exmouth EX8 1NT.

CHITTENDEN - Jeremy Barrow on 12th June. Beloved husband of Biddy and dearly loved father and grandfather. Funeral for family and close friends. Memorial service to be announced. Family flowers only. Donations to Cancer Research.

DRUMMOND - Brigadier John (DSO) peacefully on June 10th at The Royal Star & Garter Home, Richmond, fortified by the rites of Holy Mother Church. Requiem Mass at RS&G on Wednesday June 18th at 12.15 pm. Private cremation. No flowers please but if desired donations to The Royal Star & Garter Home.

FOX - Ada Mary on 11th June 1997, dearly loved wife of Leslie, peacefully in her 89th year. Funeral Service 2pm Wednesday 18th June St John's Church, Shirley Church Road, Croydon.

DEATHS

FOYLE PERKINS - Dr. Beryl passed away peacefully on Monday 9th June 1997, former Chairman of Boxfoldia Ltd. Service 12 noon Friday 20th June at St Laurence Church, Alvechurch, followed at 1pm by cremation at Redditch Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations if desired for Macmillan Nurses c/o James Giles & Sons Funeral Directors, 24 Stourbridge Road, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire, B61 0AE.

GRAZEBROOK - Doris (née Friedrich Meidinger) peacefully in her sleep on Thursday June 12th, beloved mother of Charles, Christopher and Jeremy Palmer-Tomkinson and Sarah Phillips. Funeral Friday 20th June 11 am Bramdean Church.

GRIME - John (DFC) suddenly and unexpectedly at his home on June 10th 1997. Husband of José, father of Geoffrey and Jane and a loving grandfather. Service and interment at St Annes Parish Church, Singleton, on Monday June 16th 1997 at 2.30pm. Family flowers only please. Donations in lieu if so desired to the Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund, 67 Portland Place, London W1N 4AR. All enquiries please to T.H. Fenton, 27/26 Rossall Road, Cleveleys. Tel: 01253 852383.

HUTTON - Peacefully at Burnside Nursing Home, Laurencekirk, on Thursday June 12th 1997, Captain R.S.L. Hutton M.C. (formerly of Garvocklea House, Lawrencekirk). Loved husband of the late Marjorie Eliza Lingen. Greatly loved by his family and very sadly missed. Funeral private.

JELLEY - *Marcus* died peacefully on Wednesday 10th June aged 88 years. Most dearly loved husband of Betty, much loved father of Anne and Antony, Diana and David and dearly loved grampa of his eleven grandchildren. For funeral arrangements tel: (01604) 34368.

NEVILLE - Peacefully at home on 11th June, Jill, wife of Lewis and mother of Judy and Luke. Funeral on Friday 20th June at Golders Green Crematorium, West Chapel at 4.30 pm. No flowers by request but donations if desired to the NSPCC c/o Leverton & Sons, 181 Haverstock Hill, Hampstead, NW3 4QS, tel: (0171) 586-4221.

SILVER - Stanley BEM passed away suddenly and peacefully at home on 4th June 1997. Devoted father to Rowey and Alison, sons-in-law David and Peter, adoring grandfather to Katie, Annabelle and Annie.

SKINNER - Edward Jonathan Quentin, suddenly in London on June 6th. Much loved son of Joy and Jimmy Skinner and brother of Catherine, Sarah and Stephen. Memorial Service at St Paul's, Knightsbridge, 4 pm Tuesday July 1st. Enquiries to J.H. Kenyon, tel: (0171) 229-3810.

SPINNEY - Edith, wife of the Rev. G.M. Spinney, died peacefully on 10th June 1997. Funeral Service at West Wiltshire Crematorium, Semington, on Tuesday 17th June 1997 at 11.30am.

STALLWOOD - Cora Cecile Frances, widow of Frank, mother of Michael and Veronica, died peacefully on 12th June 1997. Funeral Service at Charing Crematorium, Charing, Kent, on Monday 16th June at 10am.

TOMKIN - Diana (née George) peacefully on 10th June at Beauchamp House Nursing Home. Mother of Mark Hobhouse and Jocelyn and Giles Tomkin. Funeral at Taunton Crematorium 19th June 12 noon.

WARWICK - Laura Emma Julia (Mama). Much loved wife of the late Herbert, mother of Ney and of the late Norman. Great-grandmother of Christina, David, Alexander, Lindsay, Annabella and Michael. Died peacefully in St Peter's Hospital, Chertsey, June 10th aged 96. Funeral service for family and friends June 13th. Communications to Lodge Brothers F/D, Weybridge, tel: (01932) 854756.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

HUNI - Bernard Pierre Henri. A memorial service is to be held for Bernard Huni, formerly the Managing Director of OOCL (UK) Ltd, on Tuesday 17th June 1997 at St Augustine's Church, Felixstowe Road, Ipswich at 4.00pm. Followed by a Reception at the Courtyard Hotel, The Havens, Ransomes Europark, Ipswich. His friends, colleagues and acquaintances will be most welcome.

McCARTHY - Daniel (Donal) John CMG. On Wednesday 2nd July at 11.30 am at All Saints Church, Sudbourne, Suffolk.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

RICHARDSON - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of John Richardson C.B.E., M.C. late of 'Cliffe', Corbridge and Whitfield Northumberland, will take place in Hexham Abbey at 3.15 pm on Sunday 6th July 1997.

IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

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OBITUARIES

NICOLETE GRAY

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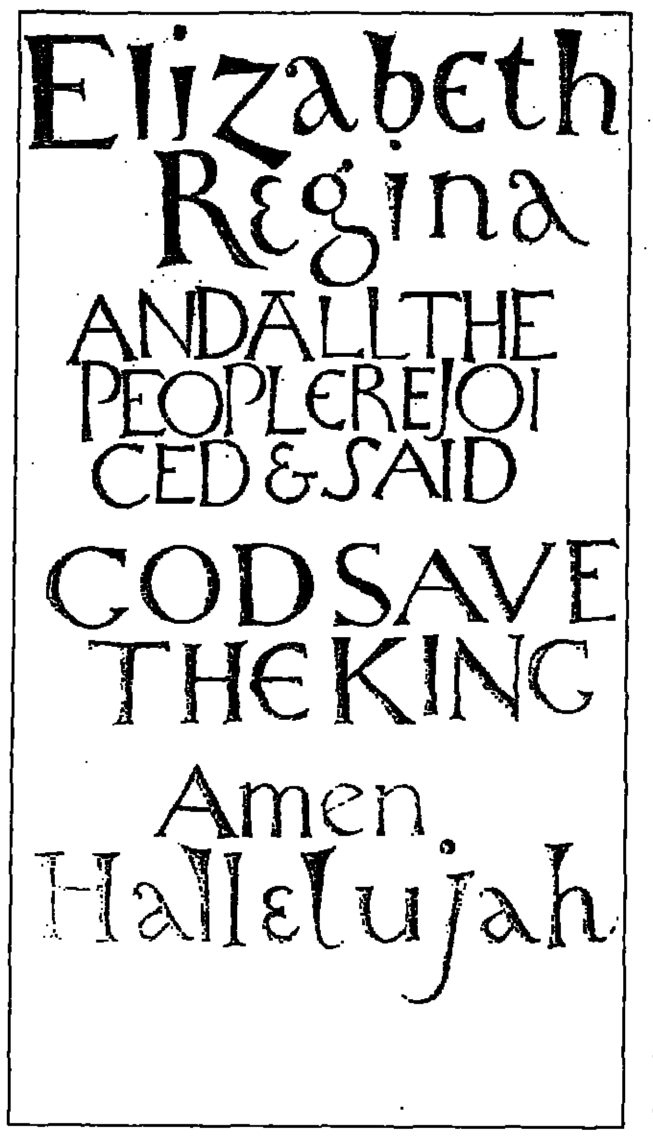

The life of Nicolete Gray was one of achievement in several fields. She was an original and influential historian and teacher of lettering, with an extremely wide knowledge of her material. She was a distinguished and expressive lettering artist. She organised the first international exhibition of abstract art in Britain, in 1936, and was a penetrating expositor not just of modern art — especially Ben Nicholson and David Jones — but of medieval and Victorian art and many Christian issues, in books and articles over nearly 60 years. Her diversity was only one reason why she was not as well known as she might have been. She did not generally offer easy reading, and she was usually ahead of fashion. In everything she did she made her own path, starting from first principles and applying formidable powers of analysis. And unifying all the diversity of her work was her Roman Catholic faith.

Nicolete Mary Binyon was particularly devoted to her father, the poet Laurence Binyon, who wrote "For the Fallen" in 1914. He worked in the Department of Prints and Drawings of the British Museum, becoming deputy keeper of oriental paintings and prints. He was a pioneer in the appreciation of Cotman, Towne and Palmer, on the one hand, and the painting of Persia, India and the Far East, on the other. With his acute sensibility, broad taste, and wholeness of moral vision of art and life, he was in many ways her model. He was also a living link with the stream of Victorian art down to the Pre-Raphaelites and his near-contemporaries in the Arts and Crafts Movement.

With him, from early childhood onwards, she visited museums and galleries. In her early teens she began a close study of the riches of the Print Room, later extended to other great European collections, so that before she was 20 she probably had more direct knowledge of Western art than many art historians ever acquire. By then she had bought a number of inexpensive works of art out of her dress allowance, including a Paul Nash, an Eric Gill and a Stanley Spencer (shared with John Witt). At 16 she got to know Barbara Hepworth, whose then husband, John Skeaping, was carving her bust.

After Glendower School, where she learnt reams of Shakespeare, retained almost to the end of her life, she won a scholarship to St Paul's. There she delivered a rousing speech as Labour candidate in the 1929 mock elections, under the slogan "Vote for Binyon and a better Britain". She also led fellow pupils on visits to galleries, plays and the ballet.

Before going up to Oxford as a history scholar at Lady Margaret Hall, she began an important friendship with Helen Sutherland, the remarkable patron and friend of artists, poets and musicians, who surrounded herself with pictures and sought the highest standards in every aspect of life. Through her she became a friend of David Jones in the summer of 1929, and then, or a little later, of Ben and Winifred Nicholson too.

At Oxford she found the medieval period "a fascinating world, in which people saw things in a quite different and on the whole a better way". This was her route to Catholicism, perhaps especially through St Augustine, who was her special subject. She was received into the Church at the age of 20: "the most important thing that has happened in my life".

Her long engagement with lettering began after Oxford, when she went to the British School at Rome to study Dark Age inscriptions. It took guts to travel all over Italy as a lone girl at that date, requesting a bucket of water and a ladder from vergers to take impressions of the inscriptions, and sometimes fending off unwelcome attentions. She observed how letters could be grouped to form a beautiful whole as well as being beautiful individually. Her research was not published until 1948 — partly because of the war, and partly because Basil Gray, the 28-year-old assistant keeper in her father's department, persuaded her to reduce her stay in Rome to one year and to marry him, in July 1933.

This marriage was a strong partnership, in which she supported him in many ways. Immediately she helped him to rearrange the Indian Room, his first task when all the oriental antiquities were united in one department in 1933.

She also wrote two chapters, and more, of *The English Print* (1937), though as he was the contracted author his name alone appeared on the title-page. The chapter on the 19th-century commercial print took her to the St Bride Printing Library with its rows of ancient type specimen books. They were not useful for that purpose, but they prompted her *XIXth Century Ornamented Types and Title Pages* (1938, enlarged 1976), which united scholarship with descriptive brio, and became a standard work.

These pioneer studies of Victoriana ran intriguingly in tandem with her even more innovatory promotion of modern art. While the general public ignored art and even the cultivated rejected modernism as an aberration, she and her artistic friends felt they were "at the beginning of a new civilisation". High ideals inspired them as they turned to the purity of abstraction and began to link up with fellow abstract artists from the Continent. Still only 25, Nicolete Gray decided to organise an exhibition of both sets of artists. Aided by Myfanwy Piper, she successfully invited Kandinsky, Mondrian, Miró, Gabo, Léger, Calder and others from abroad to exhibit alongside Nicholson, Hepworth, Moore, Piper and other British artists, in Oxford, Liverpool, Cambridge and London.

Evacuated to Oxford during the war, she worked in the Ministry of Food. By 1943 she had two sons and three daughters, and the burden of bringing them up with little domestic help was heavy. Nevertheless, despite a physical breakdown in 1947, this was an astonishingly active period for her. She wrote a study of romantic love in art, *Dante, Rossetti and Ourselves* (1945), taught history part-time in convent schools, and compiled "A Bible Picture Book", *Jacob's Ladder*, with illustrations from Anglo-Saxon and 12th-century manuscripts.

She returned to lettering with a series of articles in *The Architectural Review*, collected as *Lettering on Buildings* (1960), the first book on the subject. In it, she tried to wean architects both from the "good taste" of Trajan letters and from alphabets intended for printers, presenting instead a wealth of historic variety.

She felt it important to practise the art she expounded. Quickly learning the skill of stone-cutting, she began to carve tombstones and other inscriptions from 1953, showing the variety of form and expressiveness which she preached. Among them are the whole-wall inscription in wood at the Shakespeare Centre at Stratford, the façade lettering of Sotheby's and Agatha Christie's tombstone. In 1959 she designed an alphabet of metal letters for use on buildings. Finest of all were probably her works for Westminster Cathedral: Cardinal Heenan's tombstone (1976), the mosaic over the northwest door in which one set of words overlays another (1981), and a tablet commemorating Pope John Paul II's visit in 1982.

She taught at the Central School of Art from 1964 to 1981, retiring from postgraduate supervision at the age of 70. She founded the Central Lettering Record at the school, endowing it with the great mass of photographs she had taken all over Britain and abroad. She also organised exhibitions of lettering in 1968 and 1981. From her teaching emerged *Lettering as Drawing* (1970), which was hailed for its originality and its range, from Merovingian manuscripts to Mackintosh and Schwitters.

In the 1960 and 1970s she worked in many disciplines. In 1961 she delighted in returning with her husband to the official house she had grown up in, in a wing of the British Museum.

Together they travelled the world, and Nicolete lectured in three continents. She was one of the first women elected to the Double Crown Club, the inner circle of typographers, and became an active member of the Association Typographique International.

At Long Wittenham on the Thames, where they moved on Basil's retirement in 1969, she wrote her last books. Her work on David Jones culminated in *The Painted Inscriptions* (1981) and *The Paintings* (1989). A summation of another kind was *A History of Lettering* (1986), which displayed an extraordinary range of examples. She left behind a book on the teaching of handwriting which repudiates the italic hand she first learnt from Monica Bridges (the wife of Robert Bridges), in favour of a hand adapted to the demands of the ballpoint and the felt-tip.

Although undemonstrative, Nicolete Gray had a great underlying warmth which won her friends throughout life, and was an important moral support to some. It was typical of her generosity that in the 1950s she welcomed overseas students to family lunch on Sundays. While deeply serious, she had a strong sense of fun. She bore her progressive loss of memory and mobility, from 1988 onwards, in the Christian spirit of acceptance she had always shown, not least over the loss in 1971 of her eldest daughter, Camilla. She is survived by her other four children.

SYDNEY GUILAROFF

Sydney Guilaroff, hairdresser to Hollywood, died in Los Angeles on May 28 aged 89. He was born in London on November 2, 1907.

SUCCESS for Sydney Guilaroff was social as well as tonsorial. For the celebrated hairdresser not only changed screen history with his visionary styling and keen eye for detail, but claimed to be keeper of the most intimate secrets of successive waves of Hollywood legends.

The artist behind Claudette Colbert's fringe, Judy Garland's braids and Marilyn Monroe's tousle was the stylist of choice for thousands of starlets — and the first hairdresser to win a screen credit.

He flourished in the golden age of Hollywood, and his clients included Elizabeth Taylor, Joan Crawford, Lana Turner, Lena Horne, Grace Kelly and Debbie Reynolds. Even male icons — such as Cary Grant, Clark Gable, Fred Astaire, Jimmy Stewart and Frank Sinatra — submitted to his magic comb.

He became a friend and confidant of many of his clients. He was invited to Monaco by Grace Kelly to style her hair for her wedding to Prince Rainier, and comforted Elizabeth Taylor after her third husband, the film producer Mike Todd, was killed in a plane crash in 1958. He worked with Marilyn Monroe from her first film to her last, and she telephoned him in despair on the night she died in August 1962.

In his ghosted memoirs, *Crowning Glories*, published last year, he admitted that his success was not what he had planned, since he never intended to become a hairstylist.

Born in London and raised in Montreal, the young Guilaroff loved movies and art, won a medal in art class and dreamt of becoming an architect. The arrival of the Depression, however, punctured those dreams and at 13 he left the family home to seek work in New York, to avoid the career as a book-keeper that his parents had planned for him. Times were so hard, he recounted, that he couldn't afford two cents to purchase a newspaper, and so dug the "situations vacant" columns out of garbage cans.

A big man of more than 6ft, he worked for a department store moving furniture until his arm was broken by a heavy object. He then took a job at the Hotel McAlpin beauty salon, sweeping up hair, and so began his hairdressing apprenticeship. Word soon spread about his courteous manner and *friseur*'s flair, and within five years he was one of 70 men flipping curls and shaping heads at the prestigious Antoine's on Fifth Avenue.

Resisting the suggested monikers "Armand", "Pierre" and "Louis", he became known as "Mr Sydney", and seemed to relish cutting off as much hair as possible. In 1928 he was responsible for Claudette Colbert's new image — with a bang — which was reported by both Walter Winchell and Louella Parsons. Colbert was so smitten with the look that she made it her signature style, never changing it during her career.

Before long, Guilaroff had his own salon at the department store of Bonwit Teller, and was attracting a clientele from both Broadway and Hollywood. He cut the screen siren Louise Brooks's hair into her trademark bob, charging her $1.50 for the job. But it was Joan Crawford's insistence on coming to New York for a Guilaroff styling before every picture that persuaded the MGM mogul Louis B. Mayer to lure him to Hollywood in 1934.

He was appointed chief stylist at MGM, where he continued until the mid-1970s. Dubbed the "the man with the golden shears", his first assignment was to do Greta Garbo's hair for *Camille*. This was followed by work for Norma Shearer for *Marie Antoinette*, and Marlene Dietrich for *Kismet*.

It was Guilaroff who saved the nine-year-old Elizabeth Taylor from upset when he blocked a director's wishes that she crop her tresses for *National Velvet*: he fashioned a wig for her instead, and the youngster was able to keep her hair on.

Asked to reflect on his proudest achievements, Guilaroff cited his work with the swimming sensation Esther Williams — with whom he developed the trick of using petroleum jelly to hold the hair in place — and his 5,000 wigs for the movie *Marie Antoinette* (some containing live caged birds).

Sydney Guilaroff preparing Marlene Dietrich's hair for *Kismet*, 1944

On film-sets, Guilaroff made himself more than a stylist. He read scripts for clients, watched their rushes, and intervened between them and the studio bureaucracy when there was conflict. Famously, he went into battle for the singer Lena Horne when no one else in his department would touch her hair because she was black.

In a 40-year career, he worked on more than 1,200 movies, including *Ben Hur*, *The Philadelphia Story* and *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes*.

Although he never married, Guilaroff described himself in his autobiography as a great lover of women, and claimed he had had a secret 20-year affair with Greta Garbo and a short liaison with Ava Gardner. One of seven children, he longed for a family of his own, and in 1938 he became the first single man to adopt a child. He named the boy Jon, after his great friend Joan Crawford. Later he adopted a second son, whom he named Eugene after his own father. Both sons survive him.

ON THIS DAY

June 13, 1987

Mrs Thatcher was deposed as leader of the Conservative Party in November 1990. Her premiership of 11 years was the longest this century.

THATCHER AIMS AT LABOUR HOLD ON INNER CITIES

By Robin Oakley
and Nicholas Wood

Having defeated the Labour Party conclusively for the third time in a row, Mrs Margaret Thatcher set out yesterday to drive through as quickly as possible legislation designed to destroy Labour's last strongholds, the inner cities.

Since Thursday night's poll the Tories have no MPs in Manchester, Leicester, Bradford, Liverpool, Glasgow, Leicester and Newcastle, graphically underlining the North/South divide.

Mrs Thatcher, who is pledged to eradicate socialism in Britain, plans to alter the political landscape by undermining Labour's political power bases in the impoverished urban heartlands, and recreating Tory support in the cities, especially in the North.

The Prime Minister declared in radio and television interviews that she was "raring to go" and insisted: "We haven't a lot of time to sit around. Back to work." Mrs Thatcher predicted that the new parliament would be a difficult one because of the election of "extreme left-wingers. They have pushed real, moderate, good trade union people of the old-fashioned kind out."

The Government plans to press on with a heavy workload in the first session of Parliament, opening on June 25, with major Bills to implement the most radical measures in the manifesto, allowing parents and governors to take schools out of local education authority control and permitting council tenants to change their local government landlords for private sector trusts.

In addition, the Government is planning to find the money for several more urban development corporations which cost about £150 million to set up, to move into blighted inner city areas to improve the environment and business prospects.

The Department of the Environment will be burdened with a huge workload and may well be given an extra minister to help Mr Nicholas Ridley, the Secretary of State, to cope.

As well as the major new housing Bill, the department also has charge of the commitment to switch from rates to the community charge or "poll tax" which the Government believes will make local government more accountable.

As the final results filtered through yesterday, Mrs Thatcher was left with a majority of 101 (excluding The Speaker), 43 down on 1983 but the second biggest majority since the Second World War.

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NEWS

Brown promises low inflation

■ A period of consistently low inflation to help Britain to break out of the stop-go cycle of the past was promised by Gordon Brown last night in an acknowledgement that more interest rate rises might be needed.

The Chancellor, delivering his first Mansion House speech, explained how he intended to hold the Bank of England to account month by month to ensure that his target of 2.5 per cent inflation was observed.. **Page 1**

Parker Bowles 'ran from crash scene'

■ Carolyn Melville-Smith, 53, an interior designer involved in a head-on car crash with Camilla Parker Bowles claimed yesterday that the Prince of Wales's close friend had been driving her car "like a missile" and appeared to "run off" after the crash.. **Page 1**

NHS 'hotel' plan

Plans to charge patients to see their GP and pay 'hotel' bills while they are in hospital will be considered as part of the Government's comprehensive review of National Health Service funding........................ **Page 1**

Robinson chosen

Mary Robinson, the Irish President, has been appointed the new United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights by Kofi Annan, the UN Secretary-General........................ **Page 1**

Balkan passion

The Albanian waitress thought to have stabbed Geoffrey Briggs, a British diplomat in Tirana, said the couple still planned to marry........................ **Page 3**

Howard broke law

Michael Howard, the former Home Secretary, broke the law when he increased minimum sentences on the two boys who murdered James Bulger......... **Page 4**

Settlement appeal

A health authority is to appeal against an award of £700,000 to a brain-damaged girl who died eight days after a court made the financial settlement.......... **Page 7**

Oldest friend

A genetic study that confirms that all dogs are descended from the wolf suggests that the dog may have been man's best friend for more than 100,000 years.. **Page 9**

City renaissance

Planners have unveiled detailed designs for the rebirth of the commercial heart of Manchester that took the full thrust of the IRA bomb a year ago............ **Page 10**

Marines fined

Three Royal Marines were fined £180 each by a Larnaca court after police found them naked in a bar drunkenly singing *God Save the Queen*........................ **Page 12**

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The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species has been told that wealthy countries as well as poor must bear responsibility for widespread flouting of CITES controls................ **Page 13**

Mozart's ghost

Two minor Viennese operas, commonly regarded as the work of little-known composers, were substantially ghost-written by Mozart, a music historian claims........................ **Page 15**

Treaty fight ahead

The final draft for a new European treaty has been issued, making clear that Tony Blair will face hard bargaining to win British demands over border control........................ **Page 16**

Favoured nations

The United States announced that it would only support Poland, the Czech Republic and Hungary, in the first wave of Nato expansion.............. **Page 17**

Forgive me, for I have fiddled my taxes

■ Italian priests are "re-evaluating sin" in the light of what they hear in the confessional. Gambling, tax evasion and "general egotism" now head the list rather than sexual transgressions. One priest claimed that "capitalism and the mass media is rendering the soul sterile: people have a greater sense of guilt but a lesser sense of sin"........................ **Page 16**

DES JENSON

Cherie Blair opening the revamped CarersLine yesterday. The line helps people looking after relatives and others in need of care

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EMU blow: Europe's hopes for the smooth launch of a single currency suffered a setback when the OECD predicted the three largest prospective members of EMU would fail to meet the criteria................ **Page 25**

Inflation target: Gordon Brown rejected claims that the Government is trying to "dilute" monetary policy by setting a looser inflation target........................ **Page 25**

Electricity deadline: Competition in the electricity sector will begin on time but consumers cannot expect any great price reductions in the immediate future.............. **Page 25**

Markets: The FTSE 100 rose 32.6 to 4,757.4, a record close. On the foreign exchange the pound fell .26 cents to $1.6342 but rose 1.04 pfennigs to DM2.8170.............. **Page 28**

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Golf: Colin Montgomerie played one of the great rounds in the history of the US Open, an almost flawless 65, to give him an early lead of five........................ **Page 48**

Tennis: Tim Henman was knocked out of the Stella Artois tournament by Jens Knippschild, but Greg Rusedski progressed to the quarter-finals........................ **Page 48**

Cricket: Dean Jones resigned as captain of Derbyshire, leaving them at the bottom of the county championship and without an overseas player................ **Page 48**

Sports finance: The funding of competitors through the National Lottery was in turmoil, with the No 1 women's pole vaulter threatening to retire because of a shortfall in her grant........................ **Page 48**

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Disaffected youths: Radiohead's angry new album, *OK Computer*, is the authentic voice of protest — the first album of the 21st century, says Caitlin Moran.......... **Page 35**

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Why British motor-racing fans love Le Mans so much

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Tennis sale: Penny Perry tells why she and her mother decided to sell the mementos of Fred Perry, England's tennis star............ **Page 18**

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High drama: A legal battle over the inheritance of Giacomo Puccini ended this week in victory for his granddaughter. But the drama may still have some time to run, reports Richard Owen...... **Page 19**

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Twist of fête: Over-excited children, teenage goings-on in the inflatable maze . . . it's the school fête season again.................... **Page 39**

THE PAPERS

The 6,000 Italian-led European troops in Albania have not been able to stop the spiral of violence. How can an election be conducted in a country awash with weapons, where criminal gangs hold sway and the state has collapsed? There is only one answer: it can't. We need time. Yet time is what we don't have, and the election threatens to be a disaster

— *La Repubblica*

TV LISTINGS

Preview: For the painter and poet Clyde Holmes the landscape of north Wales provides perfect inspiration. *Visions of Snowdonia* (BBC2, 8pm). **Review:** Matthew Bond finds *Bliss* straining his credulity.................. **Pages 46, 47**

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The House of Lords decision that Michael Howard acted unlawfully in the James Bulger case is more than a footnote to a former minister's career........................ **Page 21**

Don't Bank on it

It was encouraging to see yesterday's Mansion House speech attempting to prevent a deflationary bias creeping into the Bank's management of the economy ... **Page 21**

Garden inspection

What does a Labour Government do about the Royal Opera House? It has the potential to be embarrassing.................... **Page 21**

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ROBIN COOK

At midnight on Monday fortnight, the eyes of the world will be on Hong Kong . . . The world will watch an event with no precedent *in modern history: the peaceful* transfer of sovereignty over 6.5 million people and 400 square miles of territory. An extraordinarily successful society will pass from one great nation to another .... **Page 20**

MATTHEW PARRIS

At the age of six I was seized by an ambition to become the Governor of Cyprus. This was not a whim, though it dawned on me suddenly and for a reason................ **Page 20**

PETER RIDDELL

None of the three candidates for the Tory leadership can unite the party. That is probably beyond the whit of anyone in the short term. However, Kenneth Clarke may be able to pull the party together better than either John Redwood or William Hague.................. **Page 11**

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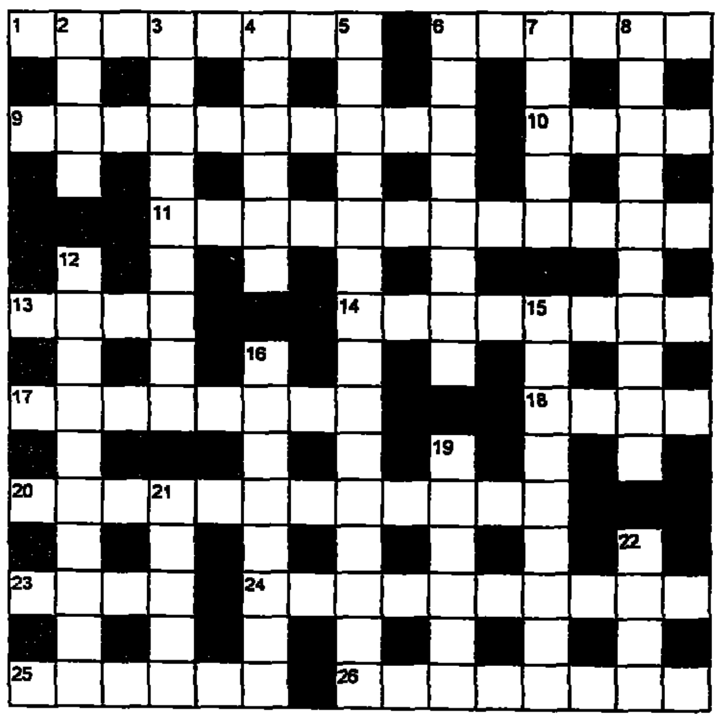

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1 Go from house to house in bread round (8).
6 Attire coming back in Eastbourne, say (6).
9 Upset gin in boneshaker (10).
10 French cleric born in Lincoln (4).
11 When at sea you may gamble on this game (5-3-4).
13 Disheartened labourer is blue (4).
14 Politically uncommitted about role in New York (3-5).
17 Reproach phone for sounding indistinct (8).
18 American Indian belief many latterly discarded (4).
20 Complaint that won't stand up to examination (12).
23 Carry child by sweetheart (4).
24 Removing painter from cricket side after throwing (7,3).
25 Free partners to split up (6).
26 Replace lost nail or stud (8).

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2 As the poet Maro is otherwise known? (4).
3 One who submits to the precepts of authority (9).
4 Opponents across the table ignored in appeal for pact (6).
5 Peculiar sight seen in opera — one omitted in maiden production (15).
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7 Heat in middle of large kiln (5).
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12 Drunken order to carry noble liquor, so-called (10).
15 Port made from aromatic plant (9).
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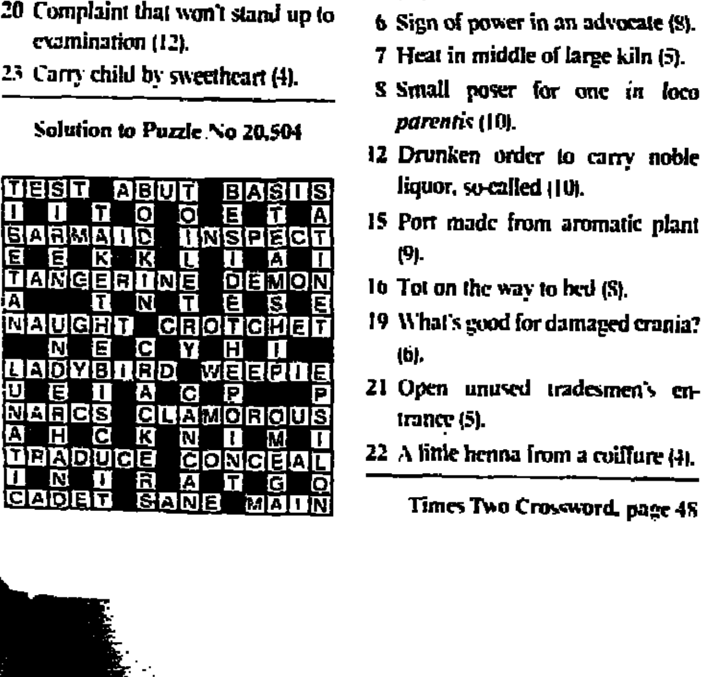

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Skegness, Lincolnshire 22C (72F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland 10C (50F); highest rainfall: Kinloss, Moray 1.44in; highest sunshine: Shrewsbury, Shropshire 6.8hr

FORECAST

☐ **General:** England and Wales should see some sunshine during the day but showers will develop. Western areas may be cloudy at times and later there may be rain in parts of northern England. Temperatures should be about average.

Scotland and Northern Ireland will be mainly cloudy with outbreaks of rain. Eastern Scotland may be dry for a time. Northern Ireland and western Scotland may be drier and brighter later. Breezy in northwest Scotland. It will be cool in wetter areas.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, Central S England, E Midlands, E England, W Midlands, Central N England:** sunny spells developing in most places. Showers likely during afternoon and evening. Wind south or southwest, mainly moderate. Max 22C (72F)

☐ **Channel Isles, SW England, S Wales, N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man:** variable amounts of cloud, with bright intervals. Showery rain likely. Wind southerly, mainly moderate. Max 19C (66F).

☐ **NE England:** bright or sunny intervals developing, but also scattered showers. Becoming increasingly cloudy, perhaps rain later. Wind southerly, moderate. Max 18C (64F).

☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** variable cloud, perhaps light rain. More persistent rain likely later. Wind light and variable, becoming moderate northerly. Max 16C (61F).

☐ **Argyll, NW Scotland, N Ireland:** cloudy, rain at times. Becoming drier and brighter later. Wind northerly, fresh, perhaps strong in places. Max 17C (63F).

☐ **Outlook for Saturday and Sunday:** rain or showers. Becoming mainly dry but cooler on Sunday.

☐ **Pollen:** low in all areas except S Wales, Midlands, SW England, SE England and Central S England, where it will be moderate

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm: b = bright; c = cloud; d = drizzle; ds = dust storm; du = dull; f = fair; fg = fog; g = gale; h = hail; r = rain; sh = shower; sl = sleet; sn = snow; s = sun; t = thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Anglesey	2.3	0.52	16	61	r
Aspatria	0.1	0.06	17	63	r
Aviemore		0.85	11	52	r
Belfast	-	0.01	16	61	c
Birmingham	5.1	0.45	21	70	sh
Bognor R	0.3	0.06	17	63	c
Bournem'th	2.0	0.04	18	64	c
Bristol	3.5	0.01	20	68	b
Buxton	1.9	0.63	18	64	s
Cardiff	2.6	0.01	18	64	d
Cleethorpes	5.9	0.32	22	72	s
Colwyn Bay	3.2	1.01	19	66	r
Cromer	5.5	0.17	21	70	s
Dunbar	-	0.78	14	57	r
Eastbourne	4.3	0.02	18	64	s
Edinburgh	-	1.27	14	57	r
Eskdalemuir	-	0.28	13	55	r
Exmouth	0.3	0.02	17	63	c
Falmouth	-	-	17	63	c
Fishguard	4.3	0.02	16	61	c
Folkestone	2.5	0.01	18	64	b
Glasgow	-	0.40	14	57	r
Guernsey	0.2	0.01	21	70	sh
Hastings	1.6	0.01	18	64	b
Hayling I	0.3	0.01	17	63	r
Herne Bay	5.3	-	21	70	s
Hove	0.7	0.01	16	61	du
Hunstanton	3.9	0.20	21	70	r
Ilfracombe	x				
Isle of Man	1.4	0.02	16	61	d
Jersey	3.7	0.02	19	66	sh
Kinloss	-	1.44	13	55	r
Leeds	0.5	0.93	20	68	r
Lerwick	-	0.29	10	50	r
Leuchars	-	0.74	14	57	r
Littlehmptn	0.1	0.03	17	63	c
London	1.1	0.02	20	68	c
Lowestoft	3.2	0.04	20	68	b
Manchester	2.2	0.46	19	66	r
Margate	5.3	0.01	20	68	c
Minehead	0.1	-	17	63	c
Morecambe	-	0.02	16	61	sh
Newcastle	0.1	0.57	15	59	r
Norwich	1.7	0.25	20	68	sh
Oxford	x				
Penzance	x	0.01	17	63	d
Poole	0.6	0.08	19	66	c
Prestatyn	x	0.85	18	64	r
Ross-o-wye	4.8	0.02	19	66	sh
Ryde	x				
Salcombe	0.6	0.02	17	63	du
Sandown	x				
Saunton Snd	1.1	0.02	17	63	du
Scarboro'	1.4	0.37	18	64	c
Shanklin	1.1	0.03	16	61	c
Shrewsbury	6.8	0.70	19	66	sh
Skegness	6.0	0.24	22	72	sh
Southend	3.5	-	21	70	c
Stornoway		0.30	12	54	r
Swanage	1.4	0.08	17	63	d
Teignmouth	0.5	0.02	18	64	c
Tenby	1.7	-	16	61	c
Tiree	-	0.16	13	55	r
Torquay	0.7	0.02	17	63	c
Tynemouth	-	0.53	12	54	r
Ventnor	-	0.05	15	59	d
West-s-mare	2.2	-	19	66	c
Weymouth	0.7	0.06	16	61	b

ABROAD

	C	F	
Ajaccio	27	81	f
Akrotiri	25	77	s
Alex'dria	27	81	f
Algiers	26	79	s
Amst'dm	22	72	c
Athens	29	84	f
B Aires	18	64	-
Bahrain	37	99	s
Bangkok	34	93	-
Barbados	30	86	f
Barcelona	25	77	s
Beirut	27	81	f
Belgrade	27	81	s
Berlin	26	79	s
Bermuda	-		
Biarritz	25	77	s
Bordx	25	77	f
Brussels	20	68	s
Budapest	26	79	f
Cairo	30	86	f
Cape Tn	15	61	f
Ch'church	11	52	r
Chicago	22	72	c
Cologne	25	77	f
Corfu	30	86	s
C'phagn	22	72	c
Dublin	14	57	c
Dubrovnik	27	81	s
Faro	22	72	s
Florence	30	86	f
Frankfurt	29	84	f
Funchal	22	72	f
Geneva	27	81	s
Gibraltar	25	77	s
Helsinki	25	77	s
Hong K	27	81	c
Innsbrck	28	82	s
Istanbul	21	70	f
Jeddah	34	93	s
Jo'burg	14	57	f
L Angels	20	68	s
L Palmas	25	77	f
Le Touquet	20	68	f
Lisbon	20	68	c
Locarno	23	73	f
Luxembg	21	70	f
Luxor	36	96	s
Madrid	24	75	s
Majorca	26	79	s
Malaga	29	84	s
Malta	x		
Melb'rne	11	52	c
Mexico C	24	75	s
Miami	31	88	s
Milan	29	84	s
Montreal	27	81	s
Moscow	27	81	f
Munich	27	81	s
N Delhi	36	97	c
N York	32	90	s
Nairobi	23	73	f
Naples	31	88	s
Nice	26	79	s
Oslo	23	73	f
Paris	26	79	c
Peking	31	88	s
Perth	15	59	c
Prague	25	77	s
Reykjvk	6	43	d
Rhodes	26	79	s
Rio de J	24	75	f
Riyadh	43	109	s
Rome	30	86	s
S Frisco	18	64	f
S Paulo	x		
Salzburg	28	82	s
Santiago	13	55	f
Seoul	29	84	s
Sing'por	25	77	c
St'kholm	24	75	f
Strasb'rg	26	79	s
Sydney	16	61	s
Tangier	24	75	f
Tel Aviv	27	81	f
Tenerife	26	79	s
Tokyo	19	66	c
Toronto	29	84	f
Tunis	34	93	f
Valencia	31	88	s
Vanc'ver	17	63	f
Venice	27	81	s
Vienna	26	79	s
Warsaw	21	70	f
Wash'ton	28	82	s
Wellngton	13	55	s
Zurich	25	77	f

Temperatures at midday local time on Thursday x = not available

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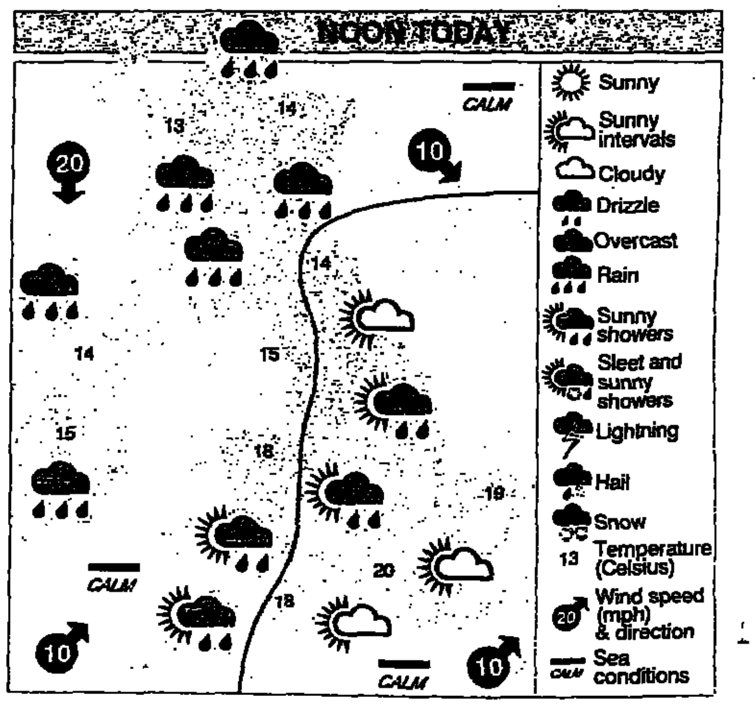

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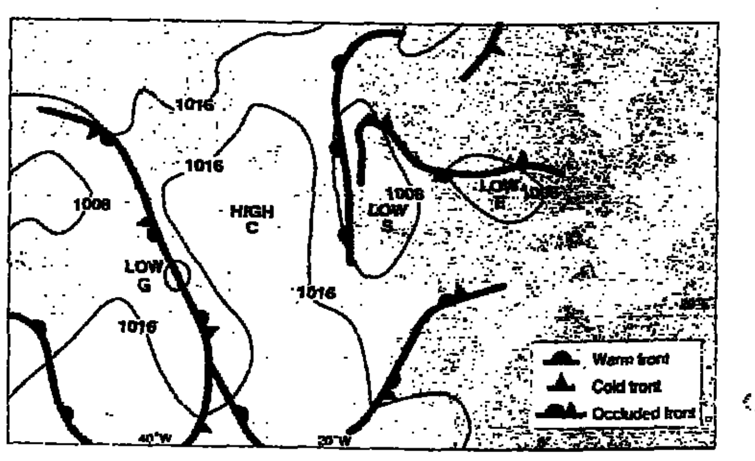

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TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	08.00	6.2	20.12	5.9
Aberdeen	07.42	3.4	20.30	3.3
Avonmouth	00.40	10.4	13.12	9.9
Belfast	05.21	3.1	18.03	2.8
Cardiff	00.26	9.7	12.58	3.3
Devonport	11.51	4.4	-	-
Dover	05.16	5.4	17.42	5.5
Dublin (N Wall)	06.10	3.6	18.51	3.3
Falmouth	11.22	4.2	23.40	4.4
Greenock	06.10	3.0	19.14	2.7
Harwich	05.44	3.3	17.54	3.2
Holyhead	04.26	4.6	17.11	4.4
Hull (Albert D)	00.16	7.1	12.27	7.3
Ilfracombe	-	-	12.13	7.0
King's Lynn	00.27	5.0	12.30	5.1
Leith	09.02	4.5	21.33	4.4
Liverpool	05.14	7.7	17.51	7.4
Lowestoft	04.15	2.1	15.49	2.2
Margate	06.11	4.0	18.25	4.0
Milford Haven	00.00	5.5	12.32	5.3
Newquay	11.32	5.3	23.57	5.5
Oban	-	-	12.28	2.9
Penzance	11.05	4.3	23.30	4.4
Portland	00.05	1.3	13.01	1.1
Portsmouth	05.27	3.7	18.24	3.9
Shoreham	05.09	4.7	17.48	5.0
Southampton	04.46	3.8	17.27	3.9
Swansea	00.08	7.7	12.41	7.4
Tees	10.12	4.5	22.54	4.4
Walton-on-N	05.45	3.4	17.57	3.3

All times BST. Heights in metres

HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 4.43 am	Sun sets: 9.18 pm
Moon sets 1.15 am	Moon rises 1.10 pm

First quarter today

London 9.18 pm to 4.43 am
Bristol 9.28 pm to 4.53 am
Edinburgh 9.53 pm to 4.27 am
Manchester 9.39 pm to 4.40 am
Penzance 9.33 pm to 5.12 am

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FRIDAY JUNE 13 1997

Top three forecast to fail EMU test

By Alasdair Murray

EUROPEAN UNION hopes for the smooth launch of a single currency suffered another setback yesterday when the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development predicted that the three largest prospective members of EMU would all fail to meet the Maastricht criteria.

The OECD's latest *Economic Outlook* forecasts that Germany, France and Italy will all run budget deficits of 3.2 per cent this year, above the Maastricht requirement of a deficit of 3 per cent or less.

Germany and Italy, the report also predicted, would fail to meet the Maastricht criteria for the size of overall government debt. But the OECD rejects a delayin the start date for EMU, claiming that it would not provide a "satisfactory solution" to the single currency difficulties and could cause economic difficulties across Europe.

The European Commission, which next spring will officially determine if countries have fulfilled the Maastricht criteria, refused to comment on the OECD figures. But there was renewed political optimism across Europe yesterday that the EMU project is back on track. Jacques Santer, President of the European Commission, claimed that progress had been made towards persuading France to ratify the stability pact at the Amsterdam summit next week.

French and German ministers are due to meet today, with both sides suggesting that they have laid the ground rules for including a reference to employment in the stability pact. The Bundesbank also insisted yesterday that talks to resolve the row with the German Government over gold revaluation were proceeding well and it hoped for a compromise plan soon.

The markets largely ignored the OECD report, concluding that the apparent political breakthrough had put a broad EMU back on course.

The OECD report gave warning that a delay to EMU could lead to rising interest rates and exchange rates pressure, which would lead to a "deterioration" in the economic situation across Europe. It adds that a delay would also increase the danger that some countries would bring to a halt labour market and budget reform programmes.

The OECD argues that delay would be unnecessary as "fiscal consolidation is on track and any failures to meet the Maastricht criterion reflect adverse cyclical circumstances". Stephen Potter, chief economist at the OECD, added that from an economic point of view it would be "anomalous" to exclude a few countries on the "basis of a few decimal points".

The OECD also forecast that the overall budget deficits in France and Germany would fall below the target measure next year, although Italy's is set to increase to 3.8 per cent. All the other members of the European Union, excluding Greece, are forecast to meet the budget deficit criteria this year.

The report gave Britain's economy a largely clean bill of health, claiming that there are "few of the internal or external imbalances which have provoked past recessions". But the OECD said some "policy rebalancing" would be desirable, with increased emphasis on restraining booming demand, while easing the pressure on sterling would improve the country's investment record. It added that the fiscal position, although still improving, is "smaller than might be expected after six years of expansion".

The OECD is also optimistic about growth prospects across the region, claiming "they are the best for nearly a decade". Economic growth is set to average 3 per cent, with recovery finally beginning in continental Europe.

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Eddie George, who spoke at Mansion House last night, could be called to account if inflation exceeds its target

Headline inflation makes unexpected jump to 2.6%

By Alasdair Murray

HEADLINE inflation "unexpectedly jumped from 2.4 per cent to 2.6 per cent last month. But the Government's preferred measure of inflation, which excludes mortgage costs, was unchanged at 2.5 per cent.

Gordon Brown revealed yesterday that the Bank of England will be required to use this measure of inflation to hit a target figure of exactly 2.5 per cent. Eddie George, the Governor, will be also need to explain publicly the reasons for missing the target by 1 per cent either side of this figure.

The markets were unconcerned by the jump in inflation with the FTSE 100 climbing 32.6 points to a record high of 4,757.4, on the back of more gains on Wall Street. The Dow Jones industrial average was at a high of 7,652.0 after a rise of 76.19 points at midday. Sterling's trade-weighted index also closed up 0.3 points at 99.6.

The Office for National Statistics blamed the increase in headline inflation on the annual comparison with May last year when mortgage rates were cut. Alcoholic drinks prices also rose but there were falls in the prices of household goods and motoring costs.

But economists gave warning that the high level of service sector inflation threatened the overall inflation target. Service sector prices rose by 3.3 per cent for the fourth consecutive month.

David Bloom, UK economist at HSBC James Capel, said: "We've got strong growth in services, bringing a strong threat of inflation." Mr Bloom added that huge falls in the price of seasonal foods, which declined by 13.3 per cent year-on-year, were also flattering the inflation figures. He predicted that the Bank would need to lift rates by a further half point to 7 per cent by the year end unless the Budget included substantial tax rises.

Ruling hits tax avoidance schemes

By Alasdair Murray

A HOUSE of Lords ruling may crush many tax avoidance schemes, bringing in billions of extra revenue for the Treasury.

In a majority ruling yesterday, the Law Lords decided in the McGuckian case that a scheme set up with the purpose of avoiding tax could not be used for that purpose.

The Lords said that whether tax should be paid depended on the meaning of the tax laws, rather than the strict letter of the law. In the ruling Lord Cooke said that it was not necessary to interpret the relevant taxing position in the traditional literal way and that it should be read in terms of its underlying purpose of the legislation.

According to Maurice Perry-Wingfield, tax partner at Deloitte & Touche, the accountants, this means that the court will be able to throw out many more tax avoidance schemes because they are breaching the spirit of the law.

It means that months of work by tax experts finding loopholes in the legislation may be wasted because the courts can say that was not what the legislation intended.

John Whiting, tax partner at Price Waterhouse, the accountants, said the case was a significant move in a trend by the courts to move away from literal interpretation of tax law.

The Inland Revenue and Customs & Excise are studying the ruling to see how it will affect their tax collection.

However, it backs the move, started by Kenneth Clarke in the last Budget, to crack down on corporate tax avoidance schemes in what he called "spend-to-save".

Accountants are concerned that the ruling will increase the uncertainty surrounding self-assessment. Taxpayers could face difficulties in submitting returns because they will be unaware of the full implication of tax legislation.

BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES		
FTSE 100	4757.4	(+32.8)
Yield	3.45%	
FTSE All share	2252.99	(+15.14)
Nikkei	20564.46	(+274.53)
New York:		
Dow Jones	7647.61	(+71.78)*
S&P Composite	877.06	(+7.49)*
US RATE		
Federal Funds	$5\frac{9}{16}$%*	($5\frac{9}{16}$%)
Long Bond	$98\frac{1}{32}$*	($97\frac{7}{16}$)
Yield	6.78%*	(6.83%)
LONDON MONEY		
3-mth Interbank	$6\frac{5}{16}$%	($6\frac{5}{8}$%)
Liffe long gilt future (Sep)	$114\frac{1}{8}$	($113\frac{19}{32}$)
STERLING		
New York:		
$	1.6355*	(1.6385)
London:		
$	1.6349	(1.6371)
DM	2.8184	(2.8071)
FFr	9.5124	(9.4925)
SFr	2.3596	(2.3516)
Yen	180.27	(182.28)
£ Index	99.6	(99.3)
DOLLAR		
London:		
DM	1.7246*	(1.7163)
FFr	5.8200*	(5.8065)
SFr	1.4410*	(1.4390)
Yen	113.87*	(111.30)
$ Index	102.4	(101.6)
Tokyo close Yen 114.40		
NORTH SEA OIL		
Brent 15-day (Aug)	$17.80	($18.10)
GOLD		
London close	$342.55	($344.15)

* denotes midday trading price

Hydro hopes

Scottish Hydro-Electric believes it is probably safe from takeover because of the Government's golden share in the company, which was likely to be cast against a hostile bid.
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Matthey deal

Johnson Matthey shares rose 13 per cent on news of a licensing agreement with Kyocera, of Japan, which offset the impact of a disappointing 6 per cent rise in annual profits.
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Greater share for Norwich members

By Marianne Curphey
Insurance Correspondent

DEMAND for shares from Norwich Union members has been so great that the insurer is to increase the number of additional shares for members by 50 per cent.

The flotation on Monday is believed to be more than six times oversubscribed.

The extra shares available to members has been achieved by clawing back £400 million worth of stock originally earmarked for institutions and non-members.

When the retail offer closed on Tuesday investors queued outside the offices of Lloyds Registrars in Southwark, London, to make last-minute applications.

Some institutions are unhappy with yesterday's announcement that the members' offer had been increased from £800 million worth of shares to £1.2 billion. One said: "This makes the whole book-building exercise much more competitive."

The price of the public offer is expected to be in the range of 240p to 290p per share. The members' offer price will be at a 25p per share discount to the public offer price and Norwich Union said it was expected to be in the range of 215p to 265p.

Dealings begin on Monday morning.

Arsenal chief to fight fee demand

By Jason Nissé

DAVID DEIN, the deputy chairman of Arsenal Football Club, said yesterday he would vigorously oppose a demand by Henry Ansbacher, the merchant bank, for £148,000 of fees that the bank says are due on Mr Dein's secret £4.35 million sale of a stake in Arsenal last year.

Mr Dein admits he asked Henry Ansbacher to attempt to sell a 14 per cent stake in the unlisted Premiership club last year, owned by a number of shareholders, including Mr Dein and Danny Fiszman, a fellow Arsenal director.

Dein: standing ground

Ansbacher was involved in talks with a number of parties, including Ladbroke, the betting and hotels group, about purchasing the holding.

However, in June last year Mr Dein took the stake off the market and privately sold 3,000 shares to Mr Fiszman for £1,450 a share, pocketing £4.35 million. This deal was not disclosed until it appeared in the legal action, issued in the High Court this week, in which Ansbacher is claiming commission for the sale.

Mr Dein said yesterday he would not pay Ansbacher. "They played no role whatsoever in the final deal and yet they are claiming a fee," he said yesterday.

Roger Devlin, the director at Ansbacher who worked on the deal, is to back up Mr Dein if the case comes to court. He has left the bank since the deal and is now the development director of Hilton Hotels, part of Ladbroke.

Speculation was rife last year about Arsenal directors testing the water before the club's flotation. Its shares more than doubled during the year, peaking at more than £2,000 each.

Inspirations in talks on takeover

By Sarah Cunningham

INSPIRATIONS, the tour operator run by Vic Fatah, yesterday disclosed that it is in talks with a potential buyer.

Carlson, the US travel group, is thought the most likely bidder. It was widely reported last year to be eyeing the 97 AT Mays travel agencies owned by Inspirations.

The company said that a bid, which has been discussed for some months, would probably be at less than the current share price. Its shares have risen from below 70p to 80½p in the past few days.

Inspirations has a turbulent past. In December it had to delay its results three times as it sought to settle a dispute with British Airways about Caledonian Airways, which the travel company bought from BA two year ago. In the end, BA agreed to pay £6 million to end the dispute about late delivery of aircraft, which led to flight delays for Caledonian. The delay's cost was put at £17 million and the company reported a pre-tax loss of £13.2 million in the year to September 30.

Inspirations has consistently undercut many trade rivals.

Power market to start on schedule

By Oliver August

COMPETITION in the electricity sector will begin on time but consumers cannot expect any significant price reductions in the immediate future, John Battle, the Energy Minister, said yesterday.

Discussions over the problems dogging the introduction of competition, scheduled for April 1, 1998, dominated yesterday's summit meeting between the minister and the heads of the regional electricity companies.

Mr Battle said: "I am worried about the computer system. It is the most complicated computer system in the Western world." To ensure that the problem will not derail the introduction of competition, he has ended the hands-off approach of the last Government and assumed personal responsibility for the project.

Battle: system worries

Professor Stephen Littlechild, the industry regulator, who was also at the meeting, said: "We shall not see the (price) reductions in the electricity sector that we have seen in gas. There just isn't the scope for that."

Mr Battle added: "We have some tremendous challenges to meet. We have identified the issues that have to be addressed. We are still on track to meet the deadline set out. "We want to see the introduction of competition working and we want to see it working properly in a robust and timely manner."

Mr Battle declined to say by how much prices could fall after the start of competition. He was uncertain as to whether a cut as low as 5 per cent could be achieved.

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Threat to UK jobs in Electrolux shake-up

By Adam Jones

THOUSANDS of UK jobs are at risk in a massive restructuring at Electrolux, the household appliances manufacturer. Electrolux announced yesterday that it is to cut 12,000 staff from its global workforce of 105,000. About 25 of its 150 plants will be closed, as well as 50 warehouses.

The Swedish company has not decided exactly where the cuts will be made, but Michael Treschow, chief executive since April, said yesterday: "The closures will mainly concern Europe and North America."

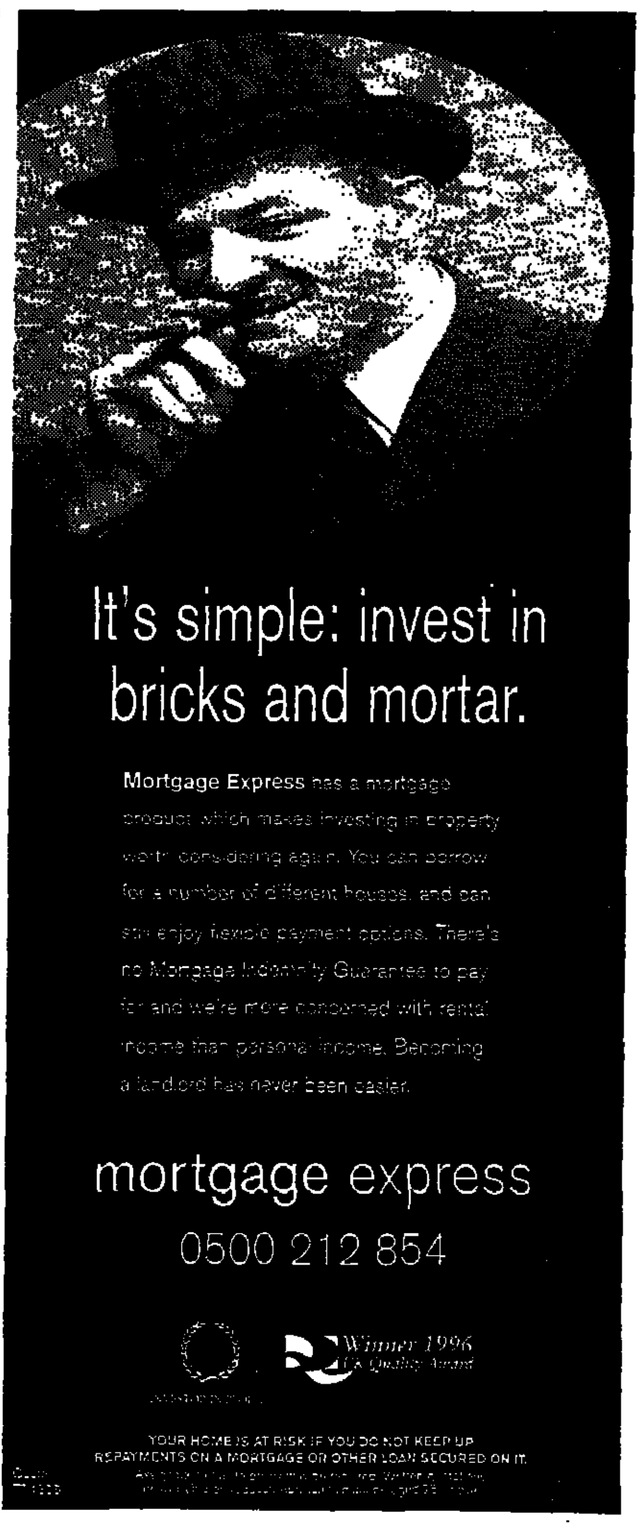
Electrolux employs about 5,000 people in the UK. Some 2,000 are employed in County Durham, at a cooker factory and refrigerator plant in Spennymoor, and at a Flymo lawnmower factory, marketing office and spare parts operation in Newton Aycliffe.

About 600 are employed in Luton, Bedfordshire, at its national headquarters and at a vacuum cleaner plant. Sales and marketing staff are spread across the country.

The cuts and closures will be made over two years. The SKr2.5 billion (£197 million) cost will be charged against operating income in the second quarter of 1997, with the aim of recouping the sum in savings within two years.

Electrolux said the restructuring is necessary to achieve its long-term financial goals of an operating margin of 6.5 to 7 per cent, and a return on equity of 15 per cent.

In the first quarter of this year, profit fell 14 per cent to SKr777 million on weak European demand for household appliances.



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TV soccer success is forecast

By Jason Nissé

SHOWING a Premiership football match on pay-per-view television would generate more than £30 million for a top game, a survey published yesterday indicates.

Continental Research, questioning more than 400 adults last weekend, found that more than 40 per cent would pay to watch sports events on television.

It found that if viewers were asked to pay £10 for a top Premiership match, 3.23 million homes would sign up, generating £32.3 million in revenue. This is five times the biggest audience yet for pay-per-view television in the UK. At £15 a game, about two million homes would pay, bringing in £31.4 million a match.

The 20 teams in the Premier League are looking closely at pay-per-view, with tests of it expected this season and a full pay-per-view programme expected for the 1999/2000 season. It is expected that clubs would be able to keep more than half the revenue.

The survey found that, at £10 a time, 3.2 million homes would pay for a top boxing match, 1.7 million for a golf tournament and 1.3 million for a motor racing grand prix.

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Germany Dm	2.97	2.74
Greece Dr	471	434
Hong Kong $	13.38	12.25
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Ireland Pt	1.13	1.04
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Malta	0.662	0.606
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Switzerland Fr	2.50	2.29
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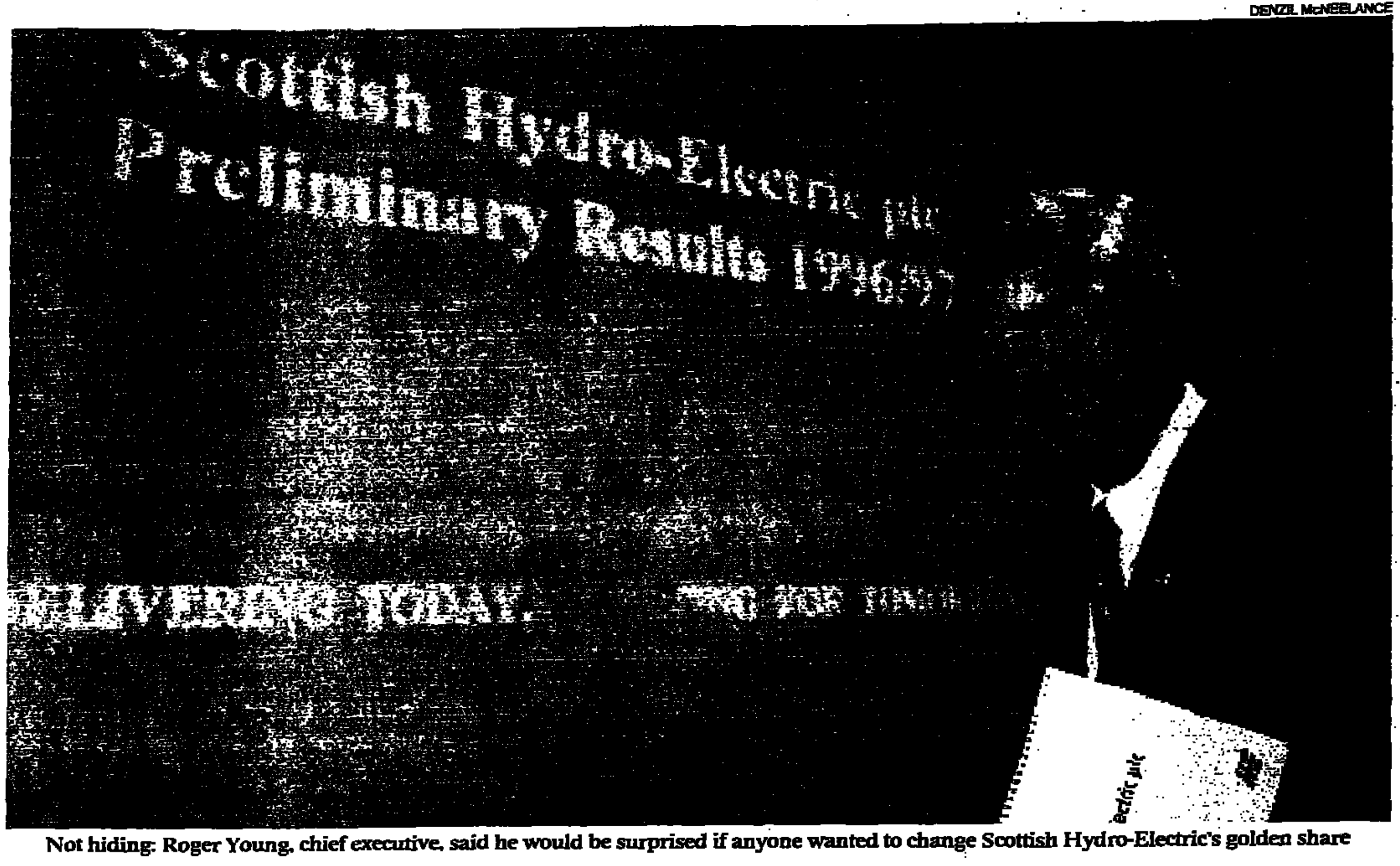

DENZIL McNEELANCE

Not hiding: Roger Young, chief executive, said he would be surprised if anyone wanted to change Scottish Hydro-Electric's golden share

Scottish Hydro relies on security of golden share

By Oliver August

SCOTTISH Hydro-Electric is unlikely to fall victim to the wave of takeovers in the electricity sector because the Government will almost definitely hold on to its golden share, according to the company's finance director.

John Gray said: "The golden share is probably safer with Labour than it was with the Tories. It is held by the Secretary of State for Scotland and it is doubtful he would want to sell one of Scotland's major assets."

Mr Gray said the board would consider bids on their merits but so far this situation had not arisen. Roger Young, chief executive, said: "We certainly don't want to hide behind the golden share. But I would be surprised if anyone would want to change the share. There have been no suggestions from Labour to change it."

Scottish Hydro became the target of bid speculation this week when the Energy Group announced it is considering a takeover by PacifiCorp, the US utility. Scottish Hydro's share price jumped from 400½p to 421p on Wednesday and to 425p yesterday.

The company reported pretax profits of £205.4 million, up from £195 million, in the year to March 31. Earnings per share increased to 42.4p from 38.7p. A final dividend of 12.36p will be paid on August 19, lifting the full-year dividend to 17.64p (15.76p).

The company indicated that dividend cover could fall to around two times from current levels of 2.38 times. Mr Young said: "I think we've indicated that we would go down towards two. We wouldn't want to go below that in the foreseeable future."

To fund investments, Mr Young said, the company would be "happy to see interest cover drop towards four times and that would be gearing in the 80 to 90 per cent range". Current investment commitments are expected to take gearing to 65 per cent from present levels of 52.1 per cent by 1999. Mr Young said projects under consideration were all in electricity generation, including combined heat and power plants.

He said that dry weather during the year had cost the company about £6 million in low output from its hydroelectric generators which had to be topped up by burning coal. But last year was better than the previous, extremely dry, 12 months, he said. It is too early to tell whether the current year will be hit by dry weather.

The company hopes to maintain its market share in Scotland. It said it was not pursuing profit rather than market share, and would not enter unprofitable parts of the market.

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PacifiCorp lines up telecoms buyer

PACIFICORP, the US utility, says it has a buyer ready to pay £1 billion for its telecoms operations, a deal it needs to complete in order to pay for The Energy Group (Jason Nissé writes).

Advisers to PacifiCorp expect an offer for Energy — owner of the UK's biggest electricity distributor, Eastern, and the world's largest coalminer, Peabody — can be launched today or on Monday.

Frederick Buckman, PacifiCorp's chief executive, is understood to have agreed final terms with Derek Bonham, Energy's executive chairman, and these were approved at a PacifiCorp board meeting in Oregon, on Wednesday.

The US group will pay 696p a share for Energy, whose shares rose just 6½p yesterday to 648p, valuing the UK company at £3.6 billion. It will also take on more than £1.5 billion of debt on Energy's balance sheet.

US analysts have questioned PacifiCorp's ability to pay for the deal, as it already has over £3 billion of debts. However, the sale of the group's 11 local telecoms franchises in the American West for around £1 billion should ease the pressure. PacifiCorp would not name the buyer.

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Ex-BCCI employees win right to sue

By Jon Ashworth

THOUSANDS of former employees of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International (BCCI) have won the right to sue for compensation over the stigma of their links with the failed bank.

The House of Lords found unanimously in favour of two former employees, who claim their association with BCCI has left them at a serious disadvantage in finding new jobs. Raihan Mahmud and Qaiser Malik, who held senior posts in London, intend to press on with a claim for damages against Deloitte & Touche, the BCCI liquidator.

Lorinda Peasland, a solicitor with Manches & Co, which represents the pair, said: "We think a number of employees will bring cases based on this judgment. It could apply to any institution, not just the financial sector, but it has to be conduct that is calculated or likely to cause damage to an employee's prospects."

The next stage of the case could take several months to come to court.

The BCCI Campaign Committee, which represents former employees, said: "These people suffered a double blow with the closure of the bank. They not only lost their savings and their jobs, but have also been stigmatised for simply being employees..."

SFA expels broker firm and partners

A BIRMINGHAM firm of stockbrokers and three of its partners have been expelled from City registers for a series of serious rule breaches.

The Securities and Futures Authority (SFA), the watchdog for brokers and futures dealers, said yesterday that Griffiths and Lamb had been expelled for concealing its true financial position, and its partners removed from registers. They were Ivan Griffiths, an equity partner and the senior partner; John Hallworth, an equity partner in charge of corporate finance; and Richard Parfitt, a salaried partner, who was the compliance and finance officer. The three admitted they "failed to observe high standards of integrity".

Schools Net warning for BT

DON CRUICKSHANK, Director-General of Telecommunications, accused British Telecom yesterday of foot-dragging on the schools initiative and said he would not approve a BT proposal that seems to discriminate against rival Internet service providers (Eric Reguly writes).

Mr Cruickshank has sent four letters to Sir Peter Bonfield, BT's chief executive, this year asking for proposals on how the company would connect schools to the Internet. In January, the cable companies agreed to provide connections for £1 per pupil per year.

"We didn't get anything from BT until May 23," Mr Cruickshank said. He was anxious to review BT's proposals as soon as possible in the hope that schools would be wired in time for the autumn term. It now seems highly unlikely that the tentative deadline will be met.

BT said it was surprised by Mr Cruickshank's remarks. A spokeswoman said BT and Oftel had, in fact, held several meetings before May on the schools initiative.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Paragon pays £36m for UK mortgages

THE Paragon Group has acquired the UK mortgage portfolio of Société Générale, the European investment bank, for £36 million cash. The SocGen mortgage portfolio holds 710 "high quality" seasoned loan accounts secured by first mortgages on residential property. Provided that certain conditions are met the deal will be completed on June 30.

The latest mortgage portfolio acquisition by Paragon is the third such purchase in the past two years. The company said: "It represents a continuation of the group's policy of making optimum use of its cost-effective loan administration capabilities to supplement the organic growth being achieved through its own new lending activities." Paragon, a financial services company, said that it will take over responsibility for servicing the SocGen portfolio and that the home loans would be funded through the UK securitisation market. The company added that it had been "an acknowledged leader" in the specialist securitisation market for more than ten years.

Airports take flight

HOLIDAYMAKERS heading for Mediterranean hotspots helped to boost passenger numbers at leading airports last month. BAA's seven UK airports handled a total of 8.9 million passengers in May 1997, up 8.9 per cent on last time. The upturn in package holiday numbers was revealed in the 16.6 per cent increase in the European charter market last month. The May figures meant Gatwick handled 25 million passengers for the 12 months to the end of May, the first time it has reached this figure in a year-long period.

Lloyd's inquiry rejected

THE GOVERNMENT has ruled out the prospect of an inquiry into Lloyd's of London. The decision, announced in response to a written Parliamentary question, is a blow to those Lloyd's names who allege that they were fraudulently recruited to the insurance market. The prospect of an inquiry into Lloyd's was mooted some years ago, but the former Conservative Government declined to take action until Lloyd's had completed its restructuring plans. Alleged fraudulent recruitment has been the subject of court action in America.

Write-offs hit Shelton

MARTIN SHELTON GROUP, the business gifts specialist, suffered a 38 per cent fall in profits in the year to March 31 after closure costs and stock write-offs dragged down an otherwise steady trading performance. Although turnover increased to £6.95 million, from £6.79 million, extra costs cut pre-tax profits to £429,00 (£689,000) and earnings per share to 5.59p (9.63p). The company said that inquiries for its gifts are currently running at record levels and that trading is strong. A second interim dividend of 3p is due on June 30.

Second Chinese listing

THE London Stock Exchange yesterday secured the listing of a second Chinese company. Jiangxi Copper, which is one of China's largest copper producers, has been brought to the market by Merrill Lynch International. The issue raised more than £132 million. The Chinese listings, of which more are expected, are the result of a joint initiative by the Stock Exchange, the Securities and Investments Board, the chief City watchdog, and the Treasury.

Electrical group thrives

DEWHURST, the electrical components company, lifted pretax profits to £615,000 (£553,000) in the first half to March 30, after continuing improvements from all parts of the company. Growth at its lifts division was modest, suffering from fierce pressures on prices, but this was offset by a strong performance from its Thames Valley Controls subsidiary. It is expected to return profits of £900,000 (£780,000) by the year end. Earnings were 3.45p (3.15p) a share, and an interim dividend of 0.96p (£0.93p) is due on September 1.

Cedardata shares up

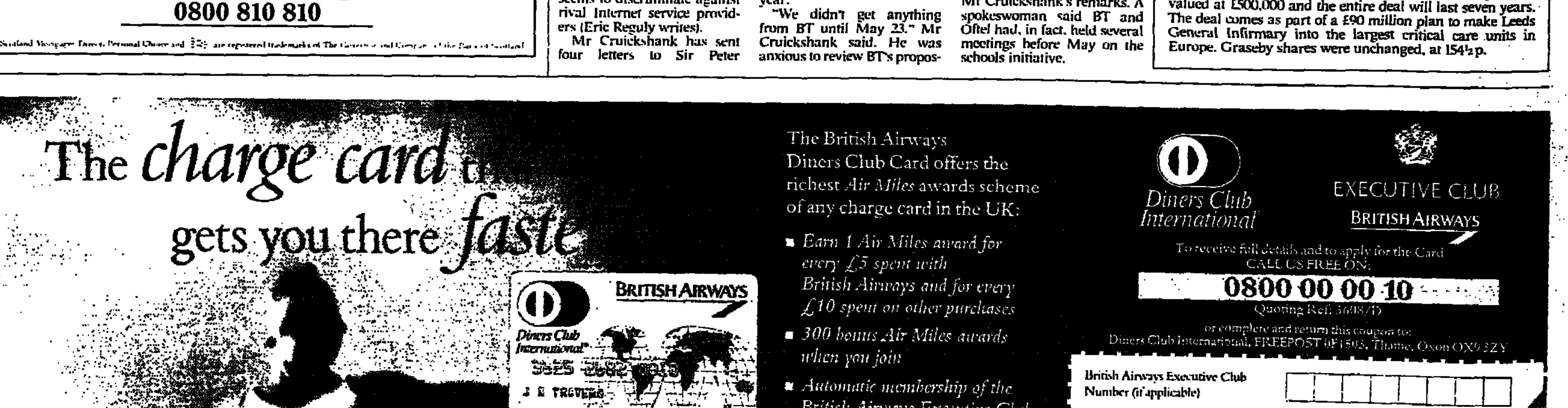
SHARES of Cedardata, the computer software and services company, yesterday picked up from a record low as it said that it was making headway in its cost-cutting programme without losing revenue growth. Profits plunged from £4.38 million to £1.59 million in the year to March 31, but were still some £500,000 better than the City had been expecting. The shares increased 5p to 90p. Earnings were 3.6p a share (9.5p) and a final dividend of 0.7p is payable on July 18, making a total 2.27p (4p).

WPP expansion

WPP, the advertising group run by Martin Sorrell, has expanded further into Argentina. It has bought out the partner in its joint venture company run by Ogilvie Group for £3.25 million. The company, which two weeks ago bought into rival CIA Group in Britain for £13.7 million, will pay £2.44 million up front and the rest in three years. The subsidiary, which has assets of £3.79 million, is valued at £11 million through the deal. WPP's shares gained 5½p to 258p.

Graseby wins NHS deal

GRASEBY, the electronic instruments company, has won a £2 million contract to supply infusion devices to the United Leeds Hospital NHS Trust — its most valuable partnership deal to date. The initial order, which starts in the spring, is valued at £500,000 and the entire deal will last seven years. The deal comes as part of a £90 million plan to make Leeds General Infirmary into the largest critical care units in Europe. Graseby shares were unchanged, at 154½p.



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Hard lines on Davies

COMMENTARY

by our City Editor

Eddie George was on home territory last night as he addressed the assembled bankers and merchants of the City at Mansion House. It was the lounge-suited Chancellor of the Exchequer, Gordon Brown, who was the visitor. So the Governor of the Bank of England greeted him graciously, before taking the opportunity to warn Mr Brown that he does not have all the answers when it comes to running the banking business.

Mr George had the confidence of knowing he was among friends, many of whom had been appalled at the treatment meted out to the Governor in the early, gung-ho days of the new Government. But if there ever had been an intention, as mysterious unnamed sources close to Downing Street, had intimated, of pushing Eddie back to an early retirement in leafy Dulwich, then the Governor has thwarted them.

But the underlying message in his speech last night was that he is not entirely happy with the changes Mr Brown has wrought, and that, with a little less haste and a little more consultation, a better reorganisation of the Bank, and particularly City regulation, might have been the result.

Mr Brown's latest bright idea, demanding that the Governor should write a hundred lines if the Bank fails to keep inflation at the government-approved level, causes him little difficulty. It would be an unimaginative Governor who could not find reasons to put the blame for failure anywhere other than on the shoulders of an independent Bank of England and its monetary policy committee. And Mr George, understandably, seized the opportunity to boast of the successful run the economy has had while he has been in charge of the Bank. Diplomatically, he made no mention of Mr Brown's predecessor, who has been known to suggest that the glory is all his own, and won despite, rather than because of, the efforts of the Governor.

But it is regulation that most concerns Mr George. As we know, the Chancellor somehow omitted to give the Governor much advance notice of his plans for Super-SIB. Had he done so, Mr George might have voiced his qualms in private rather than before a host of interested parties. As it was, he was able to point to the potential pitfalls for a mega-regulator and then say, with a barely discernible shrug of his shoulders, that it is no longer his problem — Howard Davies will have to cope.

The difficulties, however, should not be underestimated. Already one of Mr George s new colleagues on the monetary policy committee, Charles Goodhart, has made clear his views that the single regulatory body is not the best way to police an increasingly complicated financial sector.

The task facing Mr Davies and his colleagues at Super-SIB is hugely demanding and 100 per cent success will be impossible to achieve. Mr Davies, rather than Mr George, may be the one who faces the task of writing out his lines for the Chancellor.

Valuing Scottish independence

They are a pleasant bunch, the people who run Scottish Hydro-Electric. They also have one of the more stress-free jobs around. Wonderful scenery, raw materials that fall as the gentle rain from above — give or take the odd pylon that blows over, what could be peachier? But content breeds complacency. As one of the few remaining parts of the power industry still independent, the company has inevitably attracted bid attention. John Gray, the finance director, says smugly that his company might prove hard to take over, because the Government and the Scottish Office hold a golden share, and they would not want to sell a Scottish company to an overseas predator.

At this point two separate constituencies have a right to feel aggrieved. Firstly, consumers in England and Wales, a full two thirds of whose distribution network will shortly be owned by Americans, might wonder just what is so special about Scottish juice that it cannot be contaminated by foreign hands.

Secondly, investors who bought Scottish Hydro shares in 1991. They have had a good run, if not quite as good as other investors in the industry — the shares are 425p, against the 240p they paid. But it was not made clear then that the company would be protected forever from takeover. Indeed, the price includes some degree of bid premium.

There are arguments, both emotional and practical, why a bid for Scottish Hydro could create problems. There is a strong affection in the Highlands for the dams and reservoirs, built by local hands within living memory — and strong local feelings have swung bids before now, as disappointed investors in Pilkington over the past decade are well aware.

But there there is no intrinisic reason why a Scottish power company should be immune from takeover, whether the predator comes from south of the border or the other side of the Atlantic. Investors must accept that a change of government may strip their shares of any built-in bid premium, if competition policy changes as a result. But Scottish Hydro would not be protected because of the need to retain a competitive market, but simply because it is Scottish.

The Government has indicated a more business-like approach to competition policy in recent days. Wrapping Scottish assets in tartan cling-film hardly accords with this.

St Tony rides to EMU's rescue

Tony Blair's headstrong insistence on putting unemployment at the centre of the European agenda at Amsterdam may not be as naively eccentric as it seems. On the latest OECD projections, cutting the EU's awful structural unemployment rates may be the only way to save the euro.

Germany, France and Italy will all miss the deficit test for monetary union in this, the reference year, although France and Germany would scrape through in 1998. Yet the OECD, like all similar establishment bodies, still says monetary union must go ahead on time.

One pragmatic reason is that, if the project unwinds, interest rates outside Germany will rise and one-off fiddles will miss their target. More fundamentally, the OECD argues that structural budget deficits are within the 3 per cent: on the button in Italy in 1998 with France at 2.1 per cent and Germany at 2.3 per cent.

This actually undermines any case for waiving the rules. Cyclical deficits are small with economies growing at an average 2½ per cent. Imagine what total deficits would be if economies were shrinking by 0.75 per cent a year? Yet under the Stability Pact, that is the minimum recession at which a country might break the deficit rule without penalty. No wonder France wants to change it.

To allow any leeway to combat local recession, budgets need to balance in normal times, which is impossible with unemployment so high in what the OECD fears may be a jobless recovery.

One step back

HOPES that company doctor David James would find a speedy cure for the ills at Sears's footwear business may end in disappointment. Decisions on store sales are on hold at least until September, delayed in part by complications over the leases. It seems that the leases on many of the shoe shops may now be guaranteed by other Sears retailing operations. Exiting the businesses could cost very much more than the optimistic Mr James had expected.

Johnson Matthey shares soar on Japanese deal

By Carl Mortished

SHARES in Johnson Matthey soared 13 per cent to 523p after the company announced a licensing agreement with Kyocera, the Japanese electronics group, yesterday.

The deal gives the UK engineering group access to Kyocera's "flip chip" technology for the manufacture of a new generation of plastic laminate packages for semiconductors, the successor to Johnson Matthey's packaging product that went into production last January.

Johnson Matthey is licensing its Plastic Land Grid Array technology to Kyocera in return for a licence over the flip chip technology. The UK company is currently producing 200,000 units a month with a target of reaching 1.5 million per month as sole supplier to a leading US semiconductor manufacturer, thought to be Intel.

The laminate packaging business, based in Wisconsin, came into profit for the first time in the second half but Johnson Matthey's group profits were held back by continuing weakness at Cookson Matthey Ceramics, the joint venture with Cookson Group.

Pre-tax profits for the year to March were up only 6 per cent to £108 million affected by a 36 per cent decline in the contribution from ceramics, down to £15 million. David Davies, chairman, said the company remained committed to the business despite the continuing weakness in zircon, a product used by tile makers in Italy and Spain. Tile manufacturers have suffered from the slump in the German construction industry. "It is going to be a long haul to recovery," commented Mr Davies.

The strengthening pound lopped £1 million off Johnson Matthey's profits for the year due to the translation of dollar profits into sterling. About half of the group's profits are generated in the US, a bias that will continue as the contribution of electronic materials to group profits increases. Electronics raised its profits by 21 per cent to £30.9 million despite the weakness in the semiconductor market.

The catalytic convertor business recovered strongly after the loss of a leading customer in the previous year. Profits grew 30 per cent to £34 million but the precious metals business achieved only a 4 per cent rise to £44 million.

Johnson Matthey is raising the dividend 7 per cent to 15.5p for the year.

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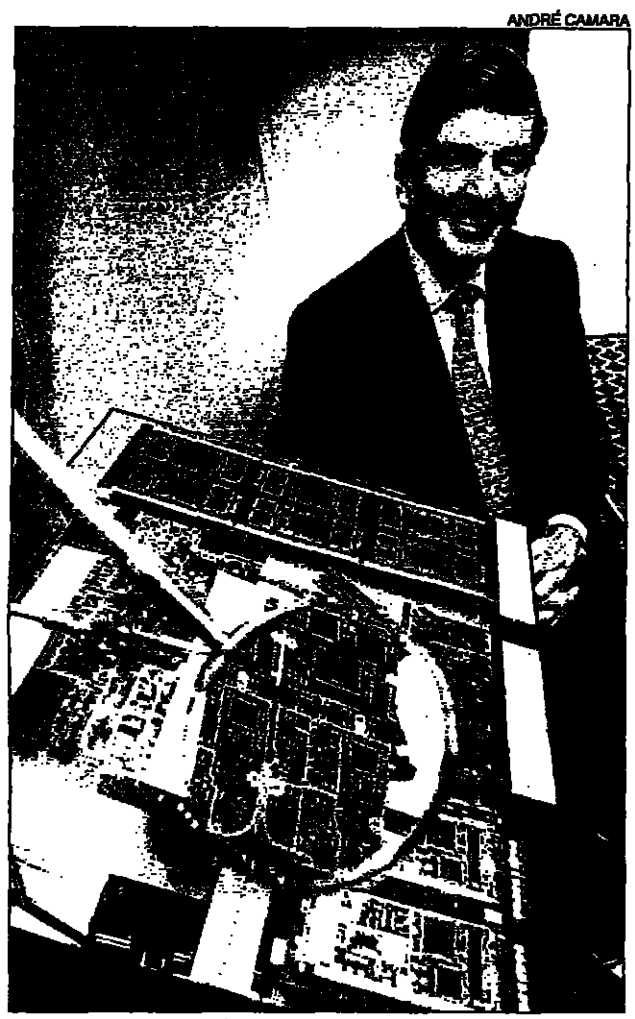

David Davies has signed a licensing deal in Japan

Fullers has pride in increased beer sales

By Adam Jones

GROWTH in demand for its own beer brands increased annual profits at Fuller, Smith & Turner, the London brewer and pub operator.

Profit before tax grew from £10.6 million to £11 million in the year to March 29. Own-brand beer sales rose 8 per cent, with London Pride selling more than 100,000 barrels on the back of increased advertising, and sales of ESB beer rising 20 per cent. However, exports fell 5 per cent after a change of agent in the US.

Tenanted pub sales fell 2 per cent, reflecting the decline of community pubs in favour of themed houses in city centres. The company spent £16.2 million on capital projects, including a 54-bedroom hotel in West London.

Fullers said capital expenditure would be more ambitious in 1997-98 and gearing may increase from 3 per cent.

A second interim dividend of 6.93p, or 0.69p for holders of B shares, is due on July 1, making 10.03p (9.22p) for the full year.

□ Morland, the brewer and pub operator, announced interim profits of £6.8 million (£6.1 million) before tax yesterday.

An interim dividend of 3.79p (3.6p) per share is due to be paid on July 18.

Hartstone chairman attacks £16m City fees

By Sarah Cunningham

SHAUN DOWLING, chairman of Hartstone Group, launched a bitter attack on the City yesterday after revealing that the hosiery and leather-goods company's three-year financial reconstruction had cost it £16 million.

Hartstone carried out a rights issue and borrowed £15 million from 23 banks in 1994, after splashing out on an unwise acquisition in the previous five years.

The company has since repaid the borrowings with interest, while fees to the various banks' advisers have mounted to £16 million. Mr Dowling labelled this as unacceptable.

He added: "Lawyers, accountants and banks have no interest in changing the system, it is how they make their profits." He wants the law changed so that shareholders can put money into struggling companies knowing that they, rather than banks, will be first in line to be paid back in case of trouble.

The refinancing was completed this year when £16.3 million cumulative convertible redeemable preference shares were issued to pay the balance of the debts owed to the last 14 banks.

In the year to March 31, the company made a pre-tax loss of £2.1 million, which was equal to the refinancing charge for the year. A year earlier it made a profit of £39,000. It is paying an unchanged final dividend of 0.32p.

With the financial reconstruction completed, the board will now "pay full attention to the development of our trading operations," Mr Dowling said.

EuroDollar sees ex-hire prices fall

By Fraser Nelson

EURODOLLAR, Britain's biggest vehicle-hire group, says the prices it gets for selling its ex-hire fleet have been permanently lowered by fierce competition from the new car market.

Ian Mosley, chief executive, said that financial packages offered with new cars are attracting people who would normally buy second-hand. This had cut the asking price of the six-month-old fleet to about 65 to 70 per cent of original cost, against 72 to 75 per cent two years ago.

He said: "Manufacturers are making new cars so attractive that they are appealing to the man with £8,000 burning in his pocket. This probably is the new world and I think we are going to have to run a little faster to catch up. But this will not be a problem; our market is growing and we are capable of taking more than our share of it."

Success in lucrative corporate car hire helped EuroDollar to double pre-tax profits to £8.25 million (£3.76 million) in the year to March 31, as its operating margin grew from 13 per cent to 16 per cent. Earnings per share rose to 12.7p (6.15p). A 4.5p final dividend, due on August 5, makes 6.5p (4.12p).

LucasVarity profits please City

FIRST-QUARTER results from LucasVarity, the brakes and car electrics group, formed from a £3.2 billion merger last year, were well received by the stock market, which yesterday marked the shares 7p higher to 211p (Paul Durman writes).

The company reported pre-tax profits of £72 million for the three months to April 30, a 16.1 per cent rise on the pro forma total for the same period last year. Operating profits rose 11.7 per cent to £86 million on sales 8.6 per cent higher at £1.2 billion.

Revenue boost for Daily Mail group

By Eric Reguly

BUOYANT recruitment advertising and reduced losses at Channel One, the cable-TV news channel, lifted interim underlying profits of the Daily Mail and General Trust group 27 per cent.

The newspaper group, which owns the *Daily Mail* and its Sunday sister, said advertising revenue continues to be fairly strong.

Pre-tax profits in the half year to March 31 were £46.9 million (£36.9 million), on turnover of £545 million, up 14 per cent. Earnings per share were 27.8p (22.3p).

Including exceptional items, notably the £12.4 million gain on its investment in Westcountry Television, pre-tax profits were £65.6 million, up 60 per cent.

Circulation gains and a 15 per cent drop in newsprint prices lifted the newspaper division's operating profit 28 per cent to £53.7 million.

Channel One lost about £10 million last year and probably will lose £8 million or so this year, analysts said.

An interim dividend, payable on July 11, rises to 7p (4.6p). The shares lost 2½p to £17.60.

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MORTGAGES

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STOCK MARKET MICHAEL CLARK

Bull run in London and New York expected to last

THE share buying bonanza on either side of the Atlantic continues apace, with both London and New York racing to record highs.

According to one leading securities house, the best is still to come. Merrill Lynch has been telling clients that the next stop for the Dow Jones industrial average is 8,200, while the FTSE 100 index should be capable of reaching the 4,900 level in the short term. Only Hong Kong is seen as likely to suffer a correction.

Last night, the FTSE ended just below its best of the day with a rise of 32.6 to a closing high of 4,757.4 after drawing encouragement from the latest inflation numbers. Once again it was happy to follow Wall Street higher, where the latest retail sales numbers saw interest rate fears recede.

NatWest bounced back from an initial markdown that was prompted by some bearish comments from Dresdner Kleinwort Benson, the broker. It is unimpressed with the group's recent performance and doubts its problems can be easily resolved. The price closed 13p better at 799p.

A downgrading by Lehman Brothers left **BT** 8p lower at 470p. Lehman, however, is positive about **BOC** and the shares responded with a rise of 34p at £10.66.

Hopes that some big orders will be announced at next week's Paris Air Show lifted **British Aerospace** 14p to £13.79½. **Rolls-Royce** 7½p to 259p and **GEC** 8½p to 369p.

The electricity companies continued to be excited by this week's £3.6 billion bid for **Energy Group** by PacifiCorp of the US. Speculation is now rife about who the next target will be. Energy finished 6½p dearer at 648p.

Southern Electric, 2p firmer at 433p, has the hot money riding on it with **Northern Ireland Electricity**, up 9½p at 418½p, also seen as a candidate. **Scottish Hydro**, which weighed in yesterday with full-year figures bang in line with expectations, rose 4p to 425p.

Cable and Wireless was 2½p firmer at 543½p. The directors have been topping up their holdings in the wake of last week's sale of a 5.5 per cent stake in its Hongkong Telecom subsidiary to China. **Laura Ashley**, the troubled soft furnishings group, slipped a further 2p to yet another new low of 78p as stock continued to dribble out into the marketplace. **Burton** slipped 1¾p to 124¼p after losing its place as a constituent of the top 100 companies.

Boots touched 723½p before bouncing back to end the session ½p firmer at 735½p despite SBC Warburg reducing its recommendation from a "hold" to a "reduce".

A near 9 per cent rise in the number of passengers using its airports last month lifted **BAA Group** 17½p to 567½p.

Eurotunnel lost the previous days' gains with the price finishing 3p lower at 68½p. The Prime Minister has said further talks with France would be needed to decide if the group's concession on running the link could be extended.

News of a bid approach sent **Appleyard Group** climbing 19p to 90p. The vehicle dealer has come up from a low of 52p last month. **Caffyns** rose 35p to 357½p, **Lex Group** 5p to 368½p and **Evans Halshaw** 4p to 225p. **Kwik Fit** also put on 4p at 262½p after meeting brokers in Scotland.

EuroDollar, the car hire specialist headed by Ian Mosley, chief executive, managed a 3½p rise to 140p after managing to double pre-tax profits to £8.2 million.

Stephen Westoby, finance director, left, and Ian Mosley, of EuroDollar, up 3½p after doubling of pre-tax profits

The terms of an agreed bid lifted **Nobo Group** 13½p higher at 138½p. Rival Acco is offering 140p for the office equipment group valuing it at £25.6 million.

Inspirations touched 90½p on news of a bid approach, but saw its lead cut back to just 1p at 80½p after learning that any offer is unlikely to be above the market price.

Lehman Brothers, the US securities house, has added to the gloom surrounding the biotech companies with some cautious comments suggesting the sector is overvalued. **Cortecs International** fell 14½p to 198p, **PPL Therapeutics** 5p to 397½p, **Cantab Pharmaceutical** 5p to 902½p, **Drew Scientific** 10p to 137½p, **Chiroscience** 6½p to 262½p and **Vanguard** 8p to 557½p.

W S Atkins was a flat market, losing 17p at 259½p after falling out of the FTSE 250 index.

Encouraging comments about the benefits of its recent merger lifted **LucasVarity** 7p to 211p.

Margins are said to be improving. Better than expected profits news at **Johnson Matthey** was rewarded with a jump of 61½p at 523p.

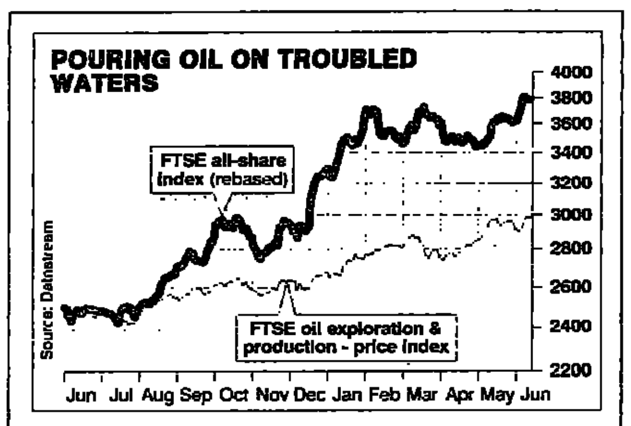
☐ **GILT-EDGED**: Brokers reported a steepening of the yield curve as investors switched into shorter-dated issues after the Government's adjustment of the inflation target. Meanwhile, the market took its lead from stronger overseas bond markets with gains of around £½ recorded.

In futures, the September series of the long gilt put on £17/32 at £114⅛ as a total of 71,000 contracts were completed.

Treasury 8 per cent 2015 was £17/32 better at £109, while Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was seven ticks firmer at £103 7/32.

☐ ***NEW YORK***: Shares surged again after the May retail sales figures turned out to be weaker than expected. By midday, the Dow Jones industrial average was ahead 71.78 points at 7,647.01.

POURING OIL ON TROUBLED WATERS



Double-digit gains were recorded among the oils, with BP putting on 4½p at 745p and Shell 16½p at £12.33½ ahead of an exploration and production presentation in The Hague yesterday for brokers and fund managers.

Despite the "rocky ride" for the oil price in recent months, the sector is still seen as a defensive haven.

Steven Brown, who watches the sector for Dresdner Kleinwort Benson, says there is little in the way of good news in the pipeline but emphasises that the sector continues to perform well.

"Investors appear happy to keep their money in defensive sectors. The big companies have seen 7 per cent increases in their upstream volumes and they should continue to enjoy earnings growth of between 10 per cent and 12 per cent right up until the end of the decade".

Despite the prospect of further volatility in the oil price, prospects for the sector appear encouraging.

"Investors are still happy to run with it" adds Brown.

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):

Dow Jones	7647.61 (+71.78)
S&P Composite	877.06 (+7.49)

Tokyo:

Nikkei Average	20564.46 (+274.53)

Hong Kong:

Hang Seng	13924.34 (-497.18)

Amsterdam:

EOE Index	839.36 (+12.21)

Sydney:

AO	2636.1 (+24.4)

Frankfurt:

DAX	3707.99 (+30.56)

Singapore:

Straits	1990.68 (-2.81)

Brussels:

General	13582.14 (+106.67)

Paris:

CAC-40	2760.27 (+64.08)

Zurich:

SKA Gen	1131.40 (+13.50)

London:

FT 30	3062.5 (+35.9)
FTSE 100	4757.4 (+32.6)
FTSE 250	4545.2 (+38.3)
FTSE 350	2298.7 (+16.4)
FTSE Eurotrack 100	2406.56 (+20.74)
FTSE All-Share	2252.99 (+15.14)
FTSE Non Financials	2372.43 (+20.98)
FTSE Fixed Interest	120.81 (+0.19)
FTSE Govt Secs	96.84 (+0.31)
Bargains	47750
SEAQ Volume	876.0m
US$	1.6342 (-0.0026)
German Mark	2.8170 (+0.0104)
Exchange Index	99.6 (+0.3)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.4371
£:SDR	1.1699
RPI	156.9 May (2.6%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX	156.3 May (2.5%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Alliance & Leicester	614	- 5½
Aston Villa	785	- 15
Caradon B	99¼	...
Downing Hlth VCT	100	...
Eagles	35	...
Gallaher	291½	+ 9½
Halifax	754½	- 2
Heart of Midlothian	113½	...
Intl Biotech C Shares	99	...
Lady in Leisure	124½	...
Longbridge Intl	117½	...
Newmark Tech	12¼	...
Petra Diamonds	95½	+ 1
Petra Diamonds Wts	75	...
Royalblue Group	211½	- 1
SBS Group	117½	...
Topps Tiles	112½	...
Versalite Group	3½	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Pillar Props n/p (205)	17	...
Tadpole Tech n/p (10)	¼	- ¼

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Appleyard	90p (+19p)
Shield Diag	560p (+62½p)
Bett Bros	171p (+15p)
Jarvis	319p (+23½p)
Scapa	214p (+15½p)
Sherwood Int	280p (+19p)
Racal Elect	235p (+9½p)
Flextech	595p (+23½p)
Psion	509p (+20p)
Waddington	307½p (+10p)
BBA	355p (+11½p)
Hardy Oil	334p (+9p)
Meyer Int	441p (+10p)
Smiths Ind	803p (+18p)
Travis Perkins	481½p (+10p)

FALLS:

Cortecs	198p (-14½p)
WS Atkins	259½p (-17p)
Chiroscience	262½p (-6½p)
Bradford	286½p (-6½p)
Hall Eng	230p (-5p)
BT	470p (-8p)
Forth Ports	587½p (-10p)
Blacks Leisure	482p (-7p)

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TEMPUS

Power to confuse

CHAOS and confusion will soon take over the electricity industry. Having left it to others to set the agenda for electricity competition, the Recs and the Scottish companies have little choice but to meet the Government's timetable and the outcome will make the gas market trials look orderly.

Setting up a computer system to handle free competition in the time available may prove impossible. With gas, the buck stopped very clearly at the door of one company, TransCo which was charged with running the system, providing Ofgas with a useful whipping boy. The electricity market has no such corporate giant and in the end we may find Recs and the Scottish electricity companies hiring armies of staff to do the job the computer was meant to do if the computer was there to do it.

This should prove no more than a hiccough for the electricity sector which can easily shoulder the interim financial cost of a data-processing debacle. The harder question is who will be the winner from free competition. On the strength of yesterday's results Scottish Hydro-Electric is unlikely to be in the running.

The company has made great play of its geographic ambitions but to date has little to show for it but a power station acquired from Norweb and a few small combined heat and power plants. Scottish Hydro proudly points to its growing profits from England and Wales, up 16 per cent last year but the question is at what cost. Borrowings soared by £244 million last year and the interest bill rose by more than £13 million, considerably more than the profits gain. This is not a winning strategy.

Johnson Matthey

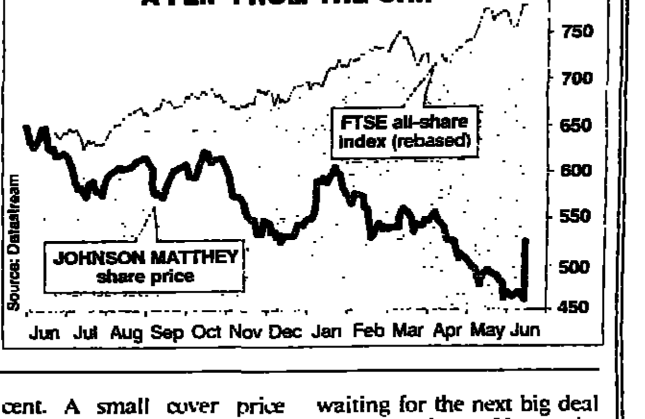
IN THE computer industry, today's cutting edge becomes tomorrow's blunt instrument before you can say knife. Johnson Matthey's laminate packaging plant has just started production, but the company already knows that a better technology will hit the market in three years. That should not be a problem as long as Johnson Matthey can get volumes up to target and yields up to scratch by the end of the year, providing several years of bumper returns before the Kyocera product hits the market.

But Johnson Matthey has done better: a sweetheart deal with Kyocera should give it a stake in the next generation product and keep its US plant humming.

Yesterday's results give other reasons for confidence. With a computer industry suffering a mini-slump, the electronic materials divisiion still raised profits a fifth, an indication of what returns could be like when faster growth returns and the Wisconsin plant is in full production. Ceramics is still a problem, not least because the joint venture makes an exit difficult, but zircon prices are no longer in decline.

This year should see buoyant cashflow from strong profits growth and a halving of the rate of capital spend. The problem for Johnson Matthey will be how to spend the cash but investors should not ponder that problem too deeply before buying the stock.

A FLIP FROM THE CHIP



DMGT

THERE is no doubt that the *Daily Mail* and the *Mail on Sunday*, the national newspapers owned by Daily Mail and General Trust, are winning the war between the mid-market tabloids. The company has proved that strong investment can produce better results than cutting costs.

The surge in the titles' popularity, of course, has come at a price. Their operating margins are only about 10 per cent and, as long as management thinks more readers can be won, they will remain at this relatively low level.

For shareholders, this is the bad news. The good news is that it appears the circulation gains are becoming more difficult to achieve as the mid-market reaches saturation levels. The company, in other words, may decide to scale back its investment programme: a move that could send margins to 15 per cent. A small cover price increase could take them higher still.

But buyers should beware. There is speculation that the Chancellor's Budget next month will slap value-added tax on newspapers, with potentially disastrous results. If, as seems likely, newspapers escape VAT, the Daily Mail shares remain attractive if the advertising market holds.

FKI

FKI loves to talk about its new products, but it is less keen to discuss its impressive margins.

The change of emphasis is important because it underlines the engineering company's unhappiness with its stock market rating.

It looks enviously towards Siebe, which benefits from a reputation for technological excellence. FKI must combat the impression that its success is more out of cost-cutting in mature industry, and waiting for the next big deal to come along. Hence the new product mantra that runs throughout yesterday's review of results.

It is still hard to see Bob Beeston, the Yorkshire company's tough-looking chief executive, losing his head to new technology. He looked much more comfortable stamping on the innocent suggestion that there would be few job losses at Hawker Siddeley Electric Power Group, acquired from BTR last November.

If FKI is believed, the success of new products was a significant factor in the impressive performances from the materials handling and hardware divisions.

Not all the examples cited sound wholly convincing. But whether or not one is prepared to swallow the message, the company is confident that it can maintain momentum. On its record, it justifies continued support.

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COMMODITIES

LIFFE

COCOA

Jul	1076-1077	Sep	1120 BID
Sep	1097-1098	Dec	1120-1123
Dec	1077 SLR	Mar	unq
Mar	1084-1090	May	[illegible]
May	1090 SLR		
Jul	1110 BID	Volume	[illegible]

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jul	[illegible]	Mar	unq
Sep	[illegible]	May	[illegible]
Nov	[illegible]	Jul	[illegible]
Jan	[illegible]	Volume	[illegible]

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

[illegible]

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

[illegible]

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	18.90	-0.25
Brent 15 day (Jul)	17.55	-0.30
Brent 15 day (Aug)	17.80	-0.30
W Texas Intermediate (Jul)	18.70	-0.45
W Texas Intermediate (Aug)	18.95	-0.45

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Unld	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gasoil EEC	[illegible]	[illegible]
3.5 Fuel Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Naphtha	[illegible]	[illegible]

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

[illegible]

BRENT (6.00pm)

[illegible]

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

LIFFE WHEAT (close £/t) / LIFFE BARLEY (close £/t)

[illegible]

LIFFE POTATO (£/t)

[illegible]

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/kilo)

[illegible]

LIFFE BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

[illegible]

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lead ($/tonne)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Zinc Spec High Gde ($/tonne)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tin ($/tonne)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Aluminium High Gde ($/tonne)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nickel ($/tonne)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

LIFFE OPTIONS

[illegible]

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
Long Gilt	Jun 97	114-05	114-16	114-01	114-16	378
Previous open interest [illegible]	Sep 97	113-14	114-08	113-15	114-04	[illegible]
German Govt Bond (Bund)	Sep 97	101.52	101.44	100.71	101.30	[illegible]
Previous open interest [illegible]	Dec 97	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	101.41	101
Italian Govt Bond (BTP)	Sep 97	130.85	131.68	130.75	131.63	[illegible]
Previous open interest [illegible]	Dec 97	104.30	104.30	104.30	104.61	10
Japanese Govt Bond (JGB)	Sep 97	123.47	123.74	123.46	123.72	[illegible]
	Dec 97	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	123.02	[illegible]
Three Mth Sterling	Jun 97	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
	Sep 97	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Previous open interest [illegible]	Dec 97	92.92	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	21044
Three Mth Euromark	Jun 97	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Previous open interest [illegible]	Sep 97	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Three Mth Eurolira	Jun 97	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Previous open interest [illegible]	Sep 97	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Three Mth Euroyen	Sep 97	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
	Dec 97	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Three Mth Euroswiss	Jun 97	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Previous open interest [illegible]	Sep 97	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Three Mth ECU	Jun 97	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Previous open interest [illegible]	Sep 97	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
FTSE 100	Jun 97	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Previous open interest [illegible]	Sep 97	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks [illegible] Finance House [illegible]

Discount Market Loans: O/night high [illegible] Low [illegible] Week fixed [illegible]

Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy 2 mth [illegible] 3 mth [illegible] Sell 2 mth [illegible] 3 mth [illegible]

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Sterling Money Rates:					
Interbank	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Overnight: open [illegible] close [illegible]					
Local Authority Deps	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	7
Sterling CDs	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dollar CDs	[illegible]	[illegible]	5.65	[illegible]	[illegible]
Building Society CDs	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Deutschemark	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
French Franc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Swiss Franc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Yen	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] par

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $342.[illegible] Close: $342.[illegible] High $342.[illegible]
Low: $341.[illegible] AM: $341.[illegible] PM: $342.20

Krugerrand: [illegible]

Platinum: [illegible] Silver: [illegible] Palladium: [illegible]

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for June 12	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Brussels	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Copenhagen	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dublin	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Frankfurt	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lisbon	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Madrid	[illegible]	[illegible]	27-17pr	[illegible]
Milan	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Montreal	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
New York	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Oslo	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Paris	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Stockholm	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tokyo	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Vienna	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Zurich	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Source: Extel Premium pr Discount ds

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3289-1.3297
Austria	12.11-12.12
Belgium (Com)	35.54-35.55
Canada	1.3834-1.3839
Denmark	[illegible]
France	5.8185-5.8250
Germany	1.7218-1.7225
Hong Kong	7.7430-7.7440
Ireland	1.5147-1.5172
Italy	1695.90-1697.40
Japan	113.78-113.88
Malaysia	2.5100-2.5110
Netherlands	1.9354-1.9364
Norway	7.1877-7.1927
Portugal	174.30-174.35
Singapore	[illegible]
Spain	145.58-145.61
Sweden	7.7710-7.7785
Switzerland	1.4420-1.4430

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	[illegible]
Australia dollar	2.1712-2.1741
Bahrain dinar	[illegible]
Brazil real*	[illegible]
China yuan	[illegible]
Cyprus pound	[illegible]
Finland markka	[illegible]
Greece drachma	[illegible]
Hong Kong dollar	[illegible]
India rupee	[illegible]
Indonesia rupiah	[illegible]
Kuwait dinar KD	[illegible]
Malaysia ringgit	[illegible]
New Zealand dollar	[illegible]
Pakistan rupee	[illegible]
Saudi Arabia riyal	[illegible]
Singapore dollar	[illegible]
S Africa rand (comm)	[illegible]
U A E dirham	[illegible]

Barclays Bank GTS * *Lloyds Bank*

FTSE VOLUMES

3i	[illegible]	Land Secs	[illegible]
ASDA Grp	[illegible]	Legal & Gen	[illegible]
Abbey Ntl	[illegible]	Lloyds TSB	[illegible]
Allied Dom	[illegible]	LucasVarity	[illegible]
Alt Foods	[illegible]	Marks Spr	[illegible]
BAA	[illegible]	Mercury Asl	[illegible]
BAT Inds	[illegible]	NatWst Bk	[illegible]
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BUSINESS LETTERS

Gro-NED fills strategic gap

From Mr Michael J Snyder

Sir, I was interested to see your article "How UK firms have become short-sighted" about research undertaken, which concludes that UK larger and medium-sized companies place little importance on strategic planning.

Kingston Smith has just released research undertaken by Professor Hussey of the Bristol Business School that suggests that among owner-managed businesses long-term planning was also a hit-or-miss affair. Over half did not have a long-term strategy (meaning one extending beyond one year!), but the position was dramatically better in companies where non-executive directors are employed. For example, only 25 per cent of companies with non-executive had no planned strategy whatsoever, compared with 75 per cent of the companies without non-executive directors.

Our earlier research on owner-managed business showed that better-performing smaller companies employed non-executive directors. The provision of long-term strategic planning is just an example of how a non-executive can add an extra dimension of relevant skill or experience that an entrepreneur values but cannot justify using on a full-time basis. Unfortunately 57 per cent of owner-managed businesses are still fighting shy of employing a non-executive director.

So why is it that so many of our entrepreneurs have no time for this type of help when all the evidence shows that such companies often prove to be more successful? One reason may be that the very term "non-executive director" is a turn off, conjuring up an image of high costs and low relevance.

There is obviously an enormous communications job to be done to encourage the use of non-executive directors in smaller companies and therefore improve the overall performance of this vital part of our economy. At Kingston Smith we have already taken one major initiative — the launch of "Gro-NED", our register of non-executive directors suitable for smaller companies.

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Game of the name

From Mr N. Denton

Sir, Had merger talks between the National Westminster and Abbey National banks come to fruition would they have traded under the name Westminster Abbey?

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ECONOMIC VIEW **ANATOLE KALETSKY**

A welcome policy revision but will it save the economy?

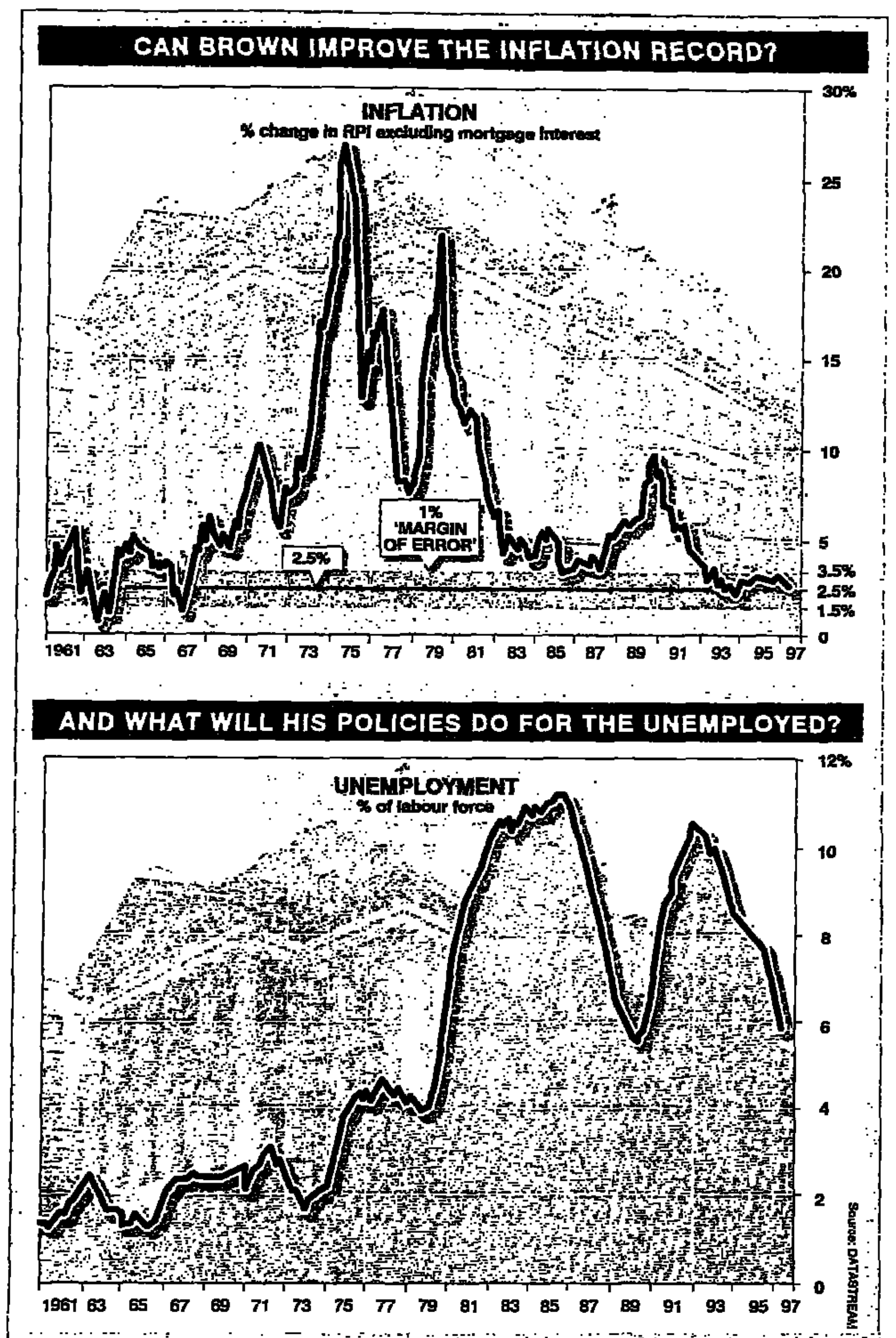
Brown's change to the monetary framework may not be enough if Labour faces a political crisis

For once Gordon Brown has done something so obviously sensible that even I can find no reason to object. The Chancellor's decision to change the Bank of England's inflation target from "2.5 per cent or less" simply to "2.5 per cent" is not going to change the course of history, but it could be first of a long series of measures that gradually restore Labour's economic policy to the pragmatic neo-Keynesian course pursued so successfully by Kenneth Clarke. With luck, Mr Brown's sensational decision, on his very first full day in office, to make the Bank independent, could even turn out to be the high-water mark of new Labour's new monetarism.

In welcoming the Mansion House speech, I do not want to imply that Mr Brown's new instructions have directly improved the prospects for the British economy or will influence the Bank's monetary policy in the next year or so. The short-term risks created by central bank independence have not been diminished one iota simply by dropping those two little words "or less".

There is not, in the foreseeable future, the slightest prospect of inflation dropping below 1.5 per cent, the bottom of the tolerance zone implied by yesterday's announcement. With incomes rising, unemployment falling and £30 billion worth of building society windfalls raining down on still-incredulous consumers, the risks at the moment are all on the upside. Indeed, the Bank's Governor could well be forced to issue the first of his open letters to the Chancellor explaining why inflation has deviated by more than 1 per cent during the course of next year. To the extent that Mr Brown has implied a rather narrow margin of error around his 2.5 per cent inflation target, this new policy framework could even lead to a slight tightening of monetary policy in the short term. It will only be from next year onwards, when the present mini-boom may have turned to a bust, that the new approach may begin to help by removing the bias in monetary policy towards ever-lower inflation.

Until there is tangible evidence that the economy is slowing (and that may not come until well into next year), it remains likely that the Bank of England will keep raising interest rates and will be forced to let sterling harden further. In fact, the Bank may feel obliged to push rates even higher if the pound continues to appreciate, since the strength of the pound will add temporarily to real incomes and consumer demand, as well as casting doubt on the sustainability of the present low inflation. The delayed effects of rising interest rates and a hardening currency, plus the higher taxes that are bound to be announced in next month's Budget, will all hit the economy together in about a year's time.


CAN BROWN IMPROVE THE INFLATION RECORD?

AND WHAT WILL HIS POLICIES DO FOR THE UNEMPLOYED?

Source: DATASTREAM

The boom in consumption that I expect in the coming months as a result of the building society windfalls could well make the coming bust even worse, since much of the windfall spending will probably go on durables such as furniture, appliances and cars — and will, therefore, bring forward many purchases that would otherwise have waited until 1998. As a result, 1998 could turn out to be a year of economic disappointment — of very low growth and perhaps even of rising unemployment. The Chancellor seems prepared to take this risk. Perhaps he would even welcome an economic slowdown in 1998 in the hope of proving once and for all that inflation is dead in Britain and then presiding over a resurgence of economic growth and confidence in the second half of the parliament, from 1999 to 2001. If this is the plan, then the Mansion House speech should make a modest contribition to its fulfilment.

By next year, if I am right in expecting a significant slowdown, the risks facing the Bank of England will be biased towards low activity and therefore to low inflation. At the same time, the inflation figures being published from month to month might well be at or above 3.5 per cent and sterling might be falling back from overvalued extremes as the economy showed clear signs of slowing. The new monetary framework could, at least in theory, allow the Bank to start cutting interest rates, despite the rather poor short-term outlook for inflation.

Suppose, for example, that by the second half of next year unemployment is rising, sterling is falling and inflation is above 3.5 per cent. The Governor could explain in one of his open letters to the Chancellor that inflation was overshooting because of the lagged effects of the 1997 consumer boom, which, in turn, was set in train by policies before the general election. The current rate of inflation was also being temporarily exaggerated by the one-off fall in sterling. But with unemployment rising, consumer demand weak and taxes still going up, for the Bank to maintain a tight monetary policy would run the risk of pushing inflation too far below its target in future years. Under these circujstances, the Bank could start easing interest rates rather earlier in 1998 — under the new policy framework — than it would have under the old target of "2.5 per cent or less".

Mr Brown's revisions to the monetary framework are thoroughly welcome, therefore. Whether they will be enough to save the economy from a serious downturn and the Government from a political crisis is another matter.

I have long feared that the day when Tony Blair is forced to stand up in parliament and admit that the declining trend of unemployment he inherited from the Tories has suddenly turned upwards could be the Black Wednesday of the Labour Government. An increase in unemployment after just one year of Labour Government could easily be enough to damage public confidence in Mr Blair as irreparably as the devaluation of sterling damaged John Major — and judging by the recent volatility of politics throughout Europe the Tories could easily have had a chance of winning a subsequent general election.

Now, however, such a nightmare for Labour seems much less plausible since the Tories seem bent on throwing away their only electoral asset — the brilliant economic record built up by Kenneth Clarke. Accordingly the electoral gamble implicit in Mr Brown's economic strategy now seems less risky than it would have been if the Tories had not lost their collective sanity.

But the arguments against giving the Bank of England independence still stand after last night's Mansion House speech. It remains impossible for the Government to coordinate an increase in taxes with a deliberate devaluation of sterling and loosening of monetary policy. That means that substantially higher taxes cannot be justified from either a political or economic point of view. That, in turn, means that there is little chance of crafting the sort of carefully calibrated combination of monetary, fiscal and exchange rate policies that might have gradually deflated the consumer boom with a minimum of collateral damage to the economy.

As in the days of Nigel Lawson, the main consequence of a supposedly "long-term" policy of maintaining stability at all costs is likely to be to aggravate the booms and busts that the policy was supposed to avoid.

All the objections, in principle, to central bank independence also remain valid. Mr Brown's speech does nothing to reverse the dangerous precedent of shifting one of the most important powers of government from elected politicians to supposedly omniscient technocrats.

The tone of this speech also reaffirmed the central thrust of the monetarist philosophy of central bank independence: that the primary function of monetary policy is to control inflation, while unemployment can only be reduced by better education, higher investment, labour-market flexibility and other structural reforms. By removing from economic policy one of the main tools for sustaining full employment, this doctrine promotes the illusion that nothing can be done in the short term about mass unemployment, and that all the related social evils can only be relieved through long-term "structural" programmes that will take decades, if not generations, to produce results.

The embodiment of this philsophy in German, and therefore in European, central bank doctrine is indeed, the biggest objection to independence. This is the reason why Lionel Jospin is now, rightly, questioning European Monetary Union. In America, by contrast, the Federal Reserve sees the maintenance of full employment as one of its main tasks — which is why central bank indepedence in America has not had the same pernicious effects as it has in Germany and (pre-Jospin) France. It would have been interesting to hear some reflections on these points from the Mansion House.

Swiss account find revives copper inquiry

Robert Miller assesses the year-long investigation into Mr Five Per Cent

British investigators working on the $2.6 billion Sumitomo copper scandal received a boost yesterday with news that the rogue trader accused of rigging the global copper market held a secret Swiss bank account.

Reports in Japan suggest that Yasuo Hamanaka, the former chief copper trader at Sumitomo Corporation and the man blamed for the losses, transferred money he earned from copper trades in Japan and other countries to an unidentified Zurich bank account that holds 80 million yen (£500,000).

Mr Hamanaka, who has been charged with forging documents and fraud and who has already pleaded guilty to certain charges, will face another round of tough questioning by the Japanese police and civil authorities about the Swiss account. Their UK counterparts at the Serious Fraud Office (SFO), on the criminal side of the copper inquiry, and the Securities and Investments Board (SIB), the chief City watchdog, will also be keen to learn whether any of the payments to the account came from the UK. The Swiss discovery is timely. Tomorrow marks the first anniversary of SIB publicly acknowledging that it was investigating the Sumitomo losses and the role of Mr Hamanaka, known as Mr Five Per Cent for the proportion of the market he represented. Shortly after, the SFO began its own inquiry led by Andrew Jackson, an in-house SFO lawyer, and officers from the City of London fraud squad. The Securities and Futures Authority (SFA), which regulates brokers and futures traders, is also closely involved and has seconded staff to the SIB as many of the trades for Mr Hamanaka were routed through London broking houses, while others were executed by US firms.

Hamanaka: charged

The UK authorities must now decide how to proceed. Until the discovery of the Hamanaka bank account in Switzerland the criminal side of the copper inquiry was showing signs of running out of steam.

The copper inquiry is one of the largest and most complex ever undertaken and spans at least four jurisdictions — the UK, the US, Japan and Chile, where the affair began more than three years ago. Then Codelco, the Chilean state copper company, claimed that it had become the victim of a $200 million fraud and blamed Juan Pablo Davila, its former chief trader, who until recently was held by the Chilean authorities. Some of the Codelco deals were routed through Winchester Commodities Group, founded by Charlie "Copperfingers" Vincent and Ashley Levett, who owns Richmond Rugby Club. Both men, who have consistently denied any wrong doing, have homes in the UK, which have been raided by the SFO, and Monte Carlo and are reputed to have earned £15 million in a single year.

The SFA began an investigation into the Winchester trades with Codelco. Last year this concluded that on the evidence to date no further action would be taken against Winchester or its directors. The SFA did, however, broaden its investigation because the Winchester connection kept cropping up in connection with a completely separate company, Sumitomo. This in turn led to Guernsey where in May last year, the SIB, using its broader powers on behalf of the SFA, asked the Guernsey authorities to raid a number of offices.

Documents seized in the Guernsey raids led the SFO to raid the offices of Kay Accounting, a small bookkeeping and accountancy firm. Sooner rather than later the SFO, led by Ros Wright, will have to decide whether, on the evidence to date, there is any likelihood of securing a conviction in the UK. If there is not then the City watchdogs will be turned lose to begin disciplinary action against a number of firms that did copper deals for Mr Hamanaka.

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partnership *n.* 1 seagoing accommodation for lawyers, accountants etc. 2 unregistered business where two or more people share the risks and profits equally.

joint venture *n.* 1 trip inspired by illegal substance (orig. *sixties*) 2 annual orthopaedic holiday 3 business planned by two or more persons, companies etc.

bond *n.* 1 attach fingers together with superglue 2 agent with liking for dry martinis (*shaken, not stirred*) 3 contract document promising to repay money.

flotation *n.* 1 launching of a commercial enterprise on the Stock Exchange 2 life belt or similar device required if enterprise sinks.

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Under water

NIGHTMARE on Princes Street. Staff at the NatWest branch and offices there, only just re-opened after refurbishment at a cost not far short of £20 million, arrived for work the other day to find the basement under two feet of water. Nothing to do with the recent storms, but a burst water main. This is rather more serious than it sounds, because the basement contains not only a fair few safety deposit boxes, happily watertight, but an unquantified number of packages and other documents deposited by customers for safe keeping, unhappily nothing of the kind.

"It's from the Government — ignore it until we get a final demand"

The building has been evacuated, and all 27,000 accountholders at the branch asked to conduct their business at nearby Lombard Street or Bishopsgate for several months. NatWest staff are now faced with two questions. First, which of the various scientific methods used to dry out paper is safest? And second, who is to blame for insurance purposes? The main is on the bank's property, and no one was digging up the street nearby. "It appears to have burst without any human intervention," says an insider lugubriously.

● *A CURIOUS tale of management incompetence from the normally rather together media group Emap. The disposal of 14 business titles, including such must-reads as* Meat Trades Journal *and* British Baker, *leaked embarrassingly to the press a while back. Emap has never admitted how. But it seems that a fax from Robin Miller, the chief executive, to that effect was accidentally sent to the offices of* Screen International, *the cinema magazine and one of the titles to be sold. The staff were a little put out at the news. They are also, understandably, not short of friends in the media.*

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Energy leak

IT IS disaster day all round, I fear. Total chaos again, this time at Energy Group. There are those of us who assume that the purchase by PacifiCorp that leaked this week is a done deal. John Devaney, who runs the Eastern electricity side, is already counting the spoils of his second round of fat-cattery — he sold the old Eastern to Hanson in 1995 and will do rather well again once the Americans take control. But the message does not seem to have got to everyone at head office. A gaggle of utilities analysts are due to tour Energy Group's coal mines in Virginia next month. Several are now wondering whether they should still pack their smalls and make sure their passports are up to date. But they complain that they are receiving little guidance from the company. "It's on hold until we know what's going on," says a jittery Energy Group employee before slamming the phone down. Baffling. The company was stitched together by Lord Hanson and offered up to American predators on a silver platter with an apple between its teeth. Why, then, does the emergence of a bidder cause such panic?

Tug of love

A QUESTION from Westminster. Will Chris Smith, the Heritage Secretary, be participating in the upcoming Parliamentary tug-of-war? The event, in which the House of Commons takes on the House of Lords, is being sponsored by a certain American lottery operator. None other than GTech, which helps to run our own National Lottery, a body not at present top of Smith's Christmas card list.

● *SOME good news for a change. An independent survey by Hyperion Software claims to have identified where the most job losses have taken place over the past five years. The answer: in the finance department. As you sow, so shall you reap.*

The X-files

BATTY but true. The sinister-sounding National Register is a database run by a company called GB Information Management that can access the entire 44 million-strong electoral roll and log any personal details available about us all. GB has created a multiple personality profile of the three Tory Party leadership contenders, plus John Major and Tony Blair — or at least profiles of anyone who happens to share those names. It seems the average Kenneth Clarke likes going to the pub. William Hague lives in Yorkshire. So far, so true. Also, John Redwood reads science fiction. Presumably to find out what his relatives are up to.

MARTIN WALLER

Chris Smith, the Heritage Secretary, faces a knotty problem at Westminster

FKI turns from deals to organic growth

By Paul Durman

FKI, the engineering group that made an unsuccessful £196 million bid for Newman Tonks earlier this year, expects new products and organic development to become an increasingly important source of its growth, reducing the previous emphasis on deals and cost-cutting.

Bob Beeston, chief executive, said that FKI did not have any growing businesses when he joined it five years ago. Management had therefore initially concentrated on improving profit margins. Its rapid growth has been fuelled by a series of deals, typically followed by redundancies and other cost-cutting measures.

However, Mr Beeston said that FKI is now reaping rewards from its investment in new product development over the past three years. More of its profits are coming from newer products that command higher margins.

As examples, Mr Beeston pointed to Bristol Babcock's remote terminal units (RTUs), which measure flows from gas and oil wells, and Whipp & Bourne's innovative autoreclosers, used in electricity transmission. Mr Beeston said that FKI was competing for several multimillion-pound contracts with RTUs, and its autoreclosers had "wiped out GEC from the market".

Mr Beeston said: "We have built up some very good market leaders, be they regional or international." He is confident that FKI's organic development will enable it to maintain the momentum of earnings growth over the longer term. He said that acquisitions will remain important, but only as one source of growth.

Benefit from new products helped FKI to lift underlying profits 24.4 per cent, to £112.1 million, last year, in spite of a severe downturn in its material handling division. It received a £12.2 million benefit from last year's acquisitions, which included the Hawker Siddeley Electric Power Group and Marelli, an Italian maker of low-voltage electric motors.

However, the £21 million cost of reorganising the acquisitions, and the £3.5 million cost of the Newman Tonks bid, cut pre-tax profits from £90.1 million to £87.6 million. These costs also cut earning per share from 11.3p to 9.22p, although FKI preferred to focus on "normalised" earnings, up to 13.28p.

With the addition of Marelli and the Hawker Siddeley business, engineering has become the largest division. It reported operating profits up from £15.7 million to £23.9 million.

A 3.5p final dividend, due on October 6, will make 6p, up 15.4 per cent.

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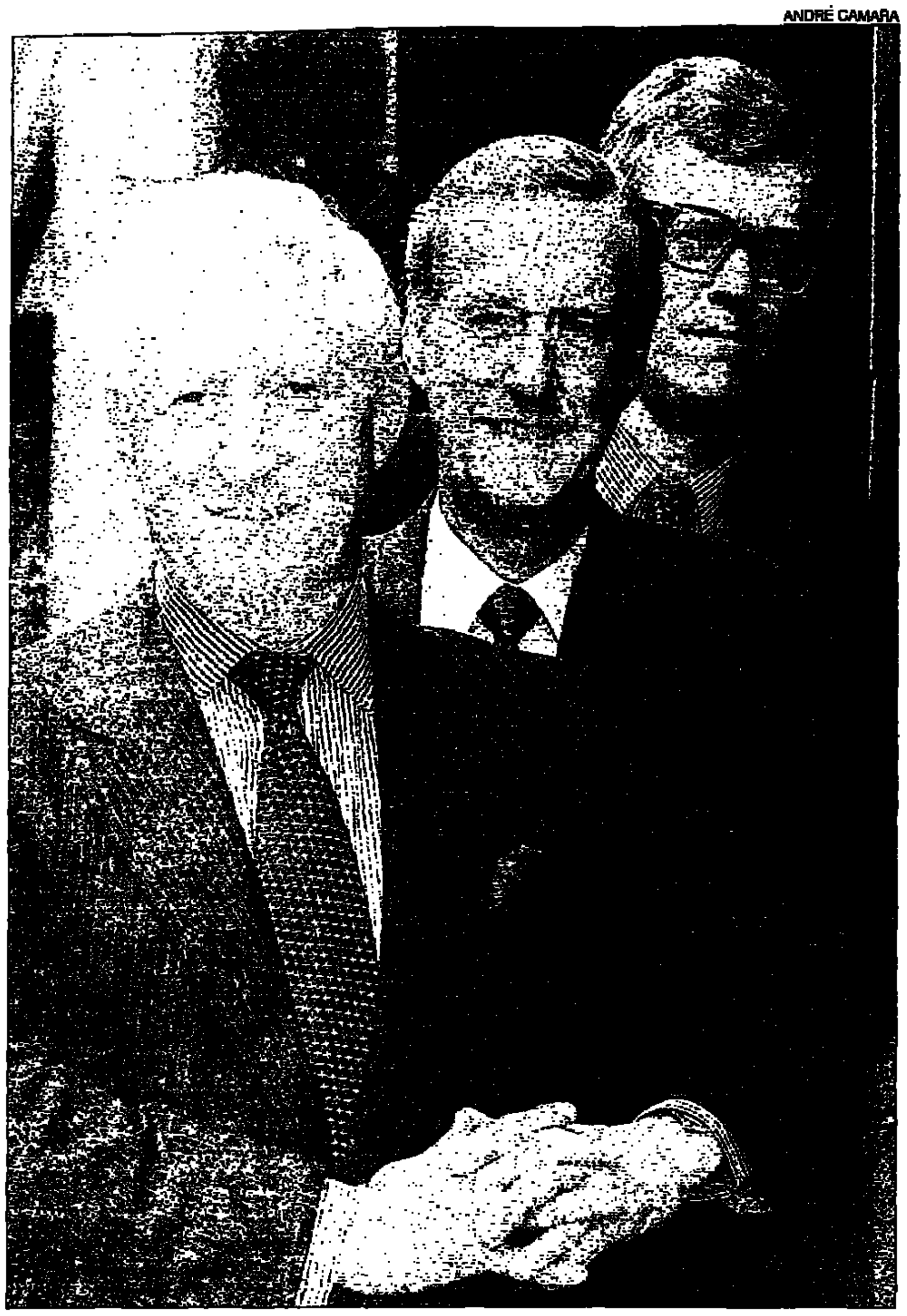
First-half boost for GWB

GARTLAND Whalley and Barker, the industrial corporate developer established by a team of executives who worked at FKI, reported a rise in pre-tax profits to £15.58 million, from £6.9 million, for the six months to April 30.

The company, whose shares trade on the Alternative Investment Market, invests in emerging companies. The company's stable has included Aquarius Group, the bathroom products company, which was floated on the Stock Exchange this year, valuing GWB's stake at £20.6 million.

GWB reported earnings of 13p a share (5.6p). The interim dividend is 1.2p a share (nil).



ANDRÉ CAMARA

David Dunn, foreground, with Harry Tuley, centre, and Derek Walker, finance director

Rally for Scapa price over improved figures

By Adam Jones

THE strong pound had a smaller than expected effect on annual profits at Scapa, the supplier of equipment to the paper-making industry, leading to a rally in its share price yesterday.

The shares rose 15½p to 214p as the company announced a pre-tax profit of £66.5 million for the year to March 31, compared with £62.3 million. The share price had dropped as low as 181p in the past fortnight in the general gloom surrounding manufacturing concerns in the current sterling climate.

Adverse currency movements accounted for more than £1.7 million when overseas earnings were converted to sterling. If sterling continues at its current levels, the estimated translation effect will be £3.2 million this year.

Turnover was £526.8 million (£525.8 milion). Scapa's paper-making products and services arm accounted for 48 per cent, with the remainder provided by its non-paper activities: technical tapes and speciality materials.

Scapa, led by David Dunn, chief executive, and Harry Tuley, chairman, is to continue to diversify away from the paper industry. It said that order books were still strong in this area and a high rate of growth was expected from new technical tapes businesses in 1997 and beyond.

A final dividend of 5.28p (4.89p) will be paid on August 15, making a total of 7.2p (6.68p) for the year.

Protean's German firm faces a long recovery

By Paul Durman

PROTEAN, the laboratory equipment maker, expects a long haul before it will be able to restore profits at DWA, the German water purification business responsible for the slump in its results last year.

Geoff Spink, Protean's managing director, said that management and staff of DWA, which Protean bought for £12.9 million in 1995, were used to having their market to themselves. The firm, which is based near Heidelberg and makes water purifiers used in kidney dialysis, was slow to respond when competitors appeared and demand weakened.

Mr Spink said: "The business was not as good as we thought it was when we bought it. We have to take the blame for that."

DWA made an operating profit of only £200,000 in the year to March 31, less than a tenth of what it made in the last nine months of the previous year. Tackling the problems, including making 20 staff redundant, has cost Protean £1.3 million.

This left the group with pretax profits of £8.7 million, down from £10.3 million, on sales that rose from £73 million to £81 million. Protean hopes to return to profit growth this year.

While DWA caused a 29 per cent fall, to £3.9 million, in operating profits from the water purification division, the analytical and thermal equipment arm increased its contribution 31 per cent, to £6.5 million. Much of the improvement came from FTS Systems, an American freeze-drying and cooling equipment firm bought for an initial $18 million last August.

With Protean's shares having fallen so heavily because of the DWA problems, Mr Spink intends to finance future acquisitions from the company's own resources. He believes that Protean should be able to produce organic growth of 6 to 8 per cent a year.

The company plans to pay a 5p final dividend on July 31, maintaining the total at 6.6p.

The shares stayed at 140½p yesterday, against a 12-month high of 270p.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Nobo Group accepts £25m American bid

NOBO GROUP, the office products company, has agreed to a bid worth £25.6 million from Acco World Corporation, part of Fortune Brands, of the US. Acco is offering 140p a share, a 25.6 per cent premium to the middle market price of 111½p on March 27, the day before Nobo announced that bid talks were under way. The shares yesterday rose 13½p, to 138½p.

Acco has already acquired, from Reg Barr and Peter Kent, the two founder non-executive directors, and certain trusts associated with them, 17.9 per cent of Nobo shares and has received acceptances in respect of a further 4.6 per cent. Nobo, based in Eastbourne, East Sussex, last month warned investors that profits before tax and exceptional items for the year to May 2 would be about a third below the £2.93 million profits reported for the previous 12 months. Difficult trading conditions in Britain and on the Continent have held back profits in the past two years and Nobo shares have traded at below the high of 267p seen in the first quarter of 1994.

New plant for Seagate

SEAGATE, the US manufacturer of computer disks, is to invest Ir£148 million in a new plant in Ringaskiddy, Co Cork, which will produce data storage magnetic tapes. The company already employs 1,500 in a similar operation in Clonmel, and last week announced the doubling of its workforce to 2,000 at its Derry operation in Northern Ireland. Seagate's plans were widely leaked in the run-up to last Friday's general election in the Republic of Ireland.

St James advances

ST JAMES BEACH HOTEL, operator of hotels in Barbados, lifted pre-tax profits to £3.9 million, from £1.4 million, in the year to March 31 in spite of occupancy falling to 68 per cent, from 71 per cent. Ray Horney, chairman, said that the result was commendable but short of directors' expectations, partly because of sterling's strength against the dollar and one-off costs associated with the start of VAT in Barbados. A 4p final dividend makes 5.75p, up 20 per cent. The shares fell 4p to 166p.

Thyssen expands in US

THYSSEN, the German steel and engineering group, is to launch an agreed $700 million takeover bid for Giddings & Lewis. G&L has annual turnover of about $700 million, making it the biggest machine tool maker in America. About half of its sales are to the motor industry. The company has eight plants in the US, and one in Canada, Germany and Britain. Thyssen said the formal offer would come within the next few days and would be worth $21 a share.

CPL Aromas in the red

SHARES in CPL Aromas continued their spectacular decline yesterday as the spice and fragrances distributor's shake-up plans failed to revive City faith. After a £3.52 million restructuring, CPL incurred a £557,000 pre-tax loss (£2.93 million profit) in the year to March 31, a loss per share of 6.4p (18.4p earnings). The shares, 507p last summer, fell 5p to a 95p low. Terry Pickthall, chairman, is to replace Eric Atkins as chief executive. A 2.9p final dividend, due on July 30, holds the total at 4.8p.

Anglo-Welsh buoyant

ANGLO-WELSH, the canal boat hire company that was floated on the Alternative Investment Market in February, has said it is on course to make profits of £315,000 this year after buying Dartline and Trevor Wharf, its rivals. After tax rebate of £273,000, it made net profits of £365,000 for 1996, against an £89,000 loss last time. Its shares, which joined the market at 108p in February, held at 95½p. There is no dividend.

Provision knocks JLI

JLI, the food processing and snacks company, incurred a pre-tax loss of £8.6 million in the year to March 31 after setting aside £9.9 million to close Tee Gee Snacks. Higher than expected costs meant a further £700,000 added to the £9.2 million provision announced at the interim stage. JLI has appointed a group chief executive, Tony Orvis, to work alongside Yoav Gottesman, chairman. It is paying an unchanged final dividend of 3.3p on September 5, maintaining its full-year dividend of 4.95p.

Appleyard drives car shares higher

By Fraser Nelson and Keith Dyer

SHARES of smaller car dealerships jumped sharply yesterday after Appleyard said it had received an approach from a potential bidder, signalling what could be a wave of consolidation in the sector.

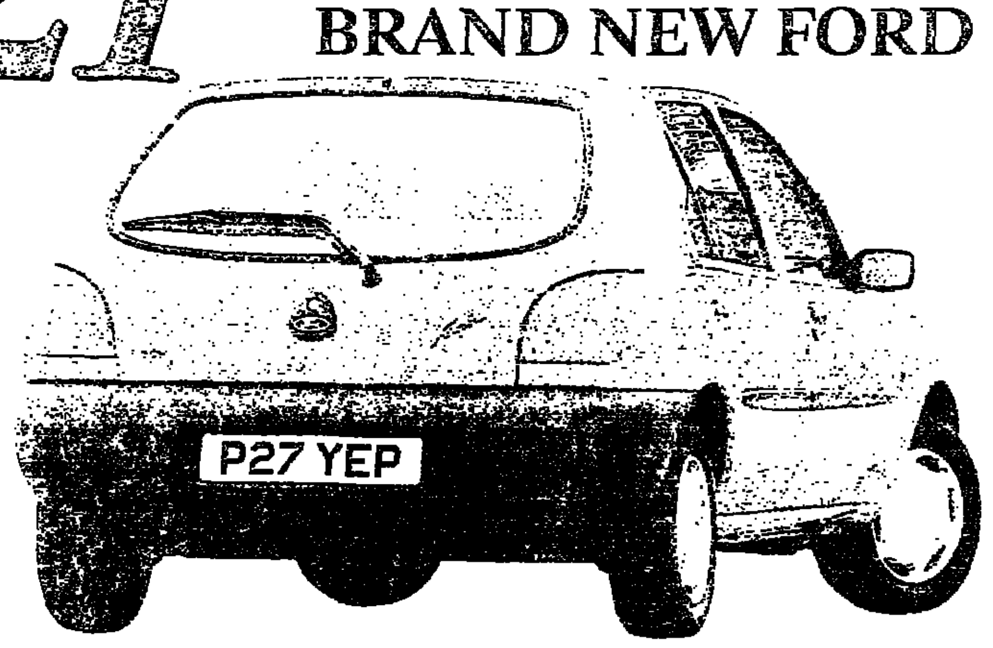
Appleyard's shares, which had halved to 52p since summer last year as the group struggled to adapt to the large-style dealerships favoured by manufacturers, closed 27 per cent stronger at 90p, having already risen to 71p in heavy trading this week.

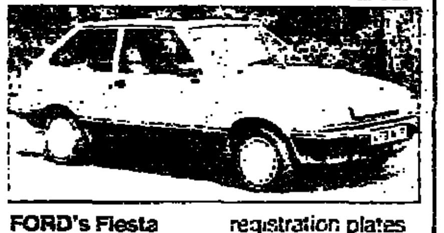
Analysts said that Appleyard, which is now valued at £50.4 million, could be seen as an attractive target by virtue of its eight successful Audi and Volkswagen dealerships.

The group reported a loss of £5.08 million last year, but has already returned to the black and is expected to make a pre-tax profit of £6.4 million for 1997.

Speculation in the City about the Appleyard approach centred on Reg Vardy, which raised £27 million to fund expansion less than a year ago, and Dixon Motors as potential bidders.

Shares of Caffyns, the Eastbourne trader, rose 35p to a three-year high of 357½p, valuing it at £11.9 million. D C Cook gained 1p to 49p.





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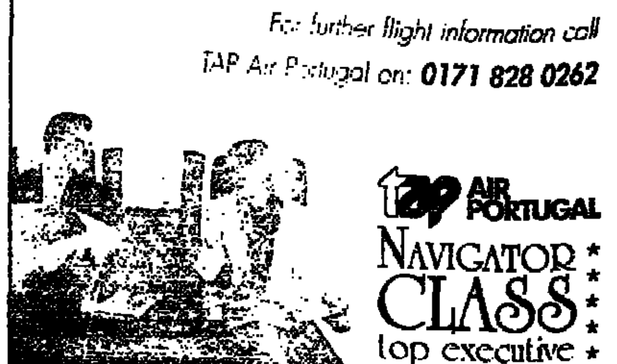

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Equities set another record

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
469	407½	Allied Domecq	422½	– 3½	6.9	17.8
635	512½	Bulmer (HP)	614	– 1	3.3	15.3
75½	57½	Burn Stewart	57½	– 3½	7.4	14.3
1040	865	Glenmorangie A	987½		1.7	23.7
613	475½	Grand Met	567½	+ 5½	3.7	17.9
675	424	Guinness	572½	+ 6	3.5	16.3
380	321½	Highland Dist	332		3.2	15.5
736	237½	Matthew Clark	239	– 4	13.6	11.4
109½	70½	[illegible]	72		8.0	9.7
1978½	1462½	SA Breweries	1790½	+ 9½	2.2	

BANKS

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
4706½	3671½	ABN AMRO	4343½	– 18½	2.8	18.2
971	710	Abbey Nat	892½	+ 3½	3.7	15.8
655	532½	Alliance & Leic	614	– 5½	3.3	15.1
481½	388½	Allied Irish	481½	+ 5	2.7	12.6
450½	363½	ANZ New Z	450½	+ 22½	4.2	
7837½	5753½	Bank America	7937½	+ 178½		
428½	291½	Bank Scotland	327½	– 2	2.6	11.9
1299	978½	Barclays	1229½	– 2½	3.2	12.4
703½	517½	Bk of Ireland	664½	– ½	3.4	
7990½	6006½	Citicorp	7325	+ 71½	..	
1759½	1268½	Commerzbk	1721½	– 6½	2.5	
862½	559½	Dai Ichi Kan Y	737½	– 6½	0.6	
3800	2709½	Deutsche Bk	3563½	– 21½	1.8	
1131½	759½	Espirito Santo	1131½		3.7	
672½	594½	Fuji Bank Y	667	– 11½	0.5	
1544½	1272½	HSBC	1883½	– 22½	2.2	16.3
1869½	1241	HSBC HK	1813	– 22½	2.8	15.7
776	772	Halifax	754½	– 2	2.5	22.5
610	483½	Irish Perm	582½	– 1	2.8	
661	424	Lloyds TSB	642½	+ 1½	2.6	20.8
898½	609½	Nat Aust Bk	863½	– 6½	4.7	11.7
844½	663½	Nat West	799	– 13	4.5	12.0
662½	508	Royal Bk Scot	641½	– 2	3.8	13.8
1046	681	Stand Chart	956½	– 5	1.9	17.1
£164½	£164½	Wells Fargo	£164½		1.9	
373½	315½	Westpac	338½	+ ½	4.5	

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
465½	387½	Electrocomponents	430	+ 1½	2.3	24.0
226½	130½	Eurodis Elec	140	+ 3	4.4	20.0
97½	76½	Europa Mx	85½	+ 2	7.7	8.7
263	213	Evans Halshaw	225	+ 4	8.2	
53½	40½	Fife Indmar	40½		10.2	8.1
397½	322½	Finelist Grp	324½		2.6	16.5
34½	25½	Gardiner	25½		4.6	9.8
79½	57½	Glenchewton	63½	+ 2	3.7	12.4
110	82½	Goodings	97½		3.8	22.3
15½	11	HR Owen	12½	– ½	6.5	11.5
103	80½	Hamlett	80½		9.5	7.5
257½	239½	Hanis (Philip)	239½	– 1	4.8	14.6
320½	284½	Headlam	288½	– 4	2.4	19.7
156½	145	Holders Tech	155		5.2	14.2
240½	209	ISA Intl	221		1.6	17.9
308½	240½	Inchcape	286	+ 6½	4.6	17.5
72	49½	Jacks (Wm)	67½		4.2	10.4
262½	214½	Kwik-Fit	262½	+ 4	2.7	18.9
369	318½	Lex Service	368½	+ 5	5.4	12.1
122	100	Lookers	107½	+ 1½	9.5	7.5
9	5½	Middlesex	8½		1.2	12.6
41½	23½	Mistralen	24	– ½	2.5	..
472	195	Nathan	198		5.1	5.5
166½	131½	Northamber	141½	– ½	1.2	8.4
357½	305½	Parkor	318½	– 1	3.1	16.7
404½	342½	Pendragon	361½		3.4	16.7
223½	187½	Perry Grp	187½		6.0	8.9
751	455	Premier Farnell	463	+ 3½	3.2	17.1
152½	124½	Quicks Group	145½		6.0	9.9
350	307½	REA	350		1.4	43.1
2½	1½	Renco	2			23.3
28	12½	Ronson	15½	– 1½	12.1	5.3
4	2½	Ross Gp	3½	..		
109½	78½	Ryland	95		5.3	17.0
38	24	SEP Ind	31½	+ ½	6.3	14.2
92½	50	Salter	51½		9.0	
415½	349½	Time Products	349½		4.4	13.1
333	228	UNIGO	331½	+ 3½	2.1	
77½	59	United Carriers Gp	76	+ 1		16.5
352½	292½	Vardy (Reg)	309½		2.6	13.6
685	498½	WF Elect	682	– 3	2.5	24.7
41	28	Wilshaw	30		3.5	8.9
172½	129½	Wyko	131	– 2½	2.5	16.3
154½	118½	Young (H)	143½		3.7	12.2

BREWERIES, PUBS & REST

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
878½	738½	Bass	752½	+ 6	4.3	14.1
68½	45½	Bar for the Bo	46		4.8	12.6
205	152½	Burtonwood Brw	154		4.6	13.9
155½	123	City Centre Rest	131		2.4	21.8
744½	612½	Compass Gp	708½	– 6½	1.6	25.9
305	250	Eldridge P A	299½		2.3	16.4

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
427½	327½	Antofagasta	427½	+ 12½	1.5	22.6
329	255	Ascot Hldgs	261	+ 5	2.5	
917	730	Boston Hill	861	– 4	2.7	20.4
289	180½	BTR	191½	+ 5½	6.3	8.3
596½	462	BATY	596	+ 20½	6.5	12.7
195½	128	Bibby (J)	191		3.6	10.2

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INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
48½	30	Saturn Grp	47			
227½	119½	Six Hundred	174½		5.2	2.7
832½	739½	Smiths Ind	803	+ 18	2.6	19.5
737½	638½	Spirax-Sarco	688½	+ ½	2.6	18.4
303½	246½	Sterling Ind	268½	– 1	4.5	12.5
594½	515	TI	594	+ 2	3.3	18.4
118½	101½	Tinsley (E)	113½	1½	7.0	..
120½	94½	Transtect	97½		3.0	13.8
206½	161	Triplex Lloyd	161	– 1	5.4	9.1
167½	150½	Unicorn Intl	155		5.1	

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
30½	24	Edinburgh Inca	30½	– ½	..	
391	343½	Edinburgh IT	386	+ 4½	3.5	30.7
134	102½	Edin Japan	133½	+ ½		
410	312	Edin US Tr	408½	+ 1	1.7	69.9
502	420½	Electra Inv	489	+ 4	2.1	45.8
267½	86½	English Nat	236½	+ ½	0.2	
156½	144½	Eng & Scot	154½	+ 1	2.4	40.1
406½	372	European Asset	396		1.3	
108½	90½	Fidelity Asian Val	101	– 1½		
260½	216½	Fidelity Euro Val	257½	+ ½	0.2	

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
73½	61½	Murray S/C Inc	62		25.6	5.0
3850	3150	Murray S/C Uts	3750		3.3	
485½	413	Murray Small	461	+ ½	1.4	68.1
402½	387	Murray Vent	395½		4.7	22.1
5½	5½	Newmarket	5½			
439	353½	O'seas Inv Tst	430	+ 2	1.1	
239	156½	O'seas Wts	239	+ 1½		
126	97½	Pacific Assets	98½	– 1½	3.5	
113	98	Perp Inc Gth	111½	+ ½	4.1	
56	41	Perpetual Jap	55½	+ ½		

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
101	82½	J Fry Euro U	101	+ 1½	5.5	16.2
184½	119	JF Fledg Jap	163½	+ 1		
110½	92½	Jupiter Ex Inc	109½	+ 1	9.0	10.8
14½	3½	Jupiter Ex IncWt	10½	+ ½		
86	76½	Jupiter Grd Capt	82½		11.8	10.2
37	31	Jupiter Grd Pfd	36½			
135½	120½	Jupiter Intl Grn	132½		3.7	
360½	293	Klnwt Chrt	355		2.6	52.9
116½	98½	Klnwt E Mkt	114½			
170½	153½	Klnwt Eng	165½	+ ½		
103	74	Klnwt H Inc	101½	+ ½	12.5	10.8

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
326½	261	Klnwt O'seas	326½	+ 2½	1.6	62.7
189½	171	Klnwt Smlr	178	– 2	2.5	47.6
387	264½	Korea—Euro	354½	+ ½	0.3	
145½	98½	Latin American	144½	+ 1		
1033	902½	Law Debenture	1016½	+ 2	3.1	30.8
115	103½	Life Off Opp	111½	– ½		
133	122½	Lloyds Sm Cap	126½	– 2½		
25½	20	Lloyds Sm Div	20½	– ½	24.8	5.1
158½	145	Lloyds Sm Ptg	147	– 2½	3.5	
168½	158½	Lon St Lawrence	168½		4.6	27.1
325½	295	Lowland	307	+ 1	4.6	23.8
735	635	M&G 2nd Dual Cp	710	+ 2½		
85	75½	M&G 2nd Dual In	82½			3.0

LEISURE & HOTELS

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
28	23	Kunick	23		4.1	13.9
259	217½	Ladbroke	248	+ 3	3.1	27.3
419	298½	London Clubs	397	+ 4½	2.6	24.8
231	167½	Macdonald Htls	182½		3.1	
733½	572½	Man Utd	610½	– 1	1.1	27.9
91	67½	Mandarin Orntl	73	– ½	5.3	
412½	347½	Millennium & Cop	381½	+ ½	1.5	16.1
144½	113½	Newcastle Utd	114		1.8	
280	191½	Northern	265½		2.5	23.6
188½	117½	Presm Leisure	175		4.4	9.4
38	29½	Queensborough	37		1.2	12.1
18½	12½	Queens Moat	14½			9.7

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
456½	409	Rank Grp	425½	+ ½	5.0	33.8
47	40½	Ryan Hotels	46½	+ 1	5.2	8.9
1600	1405	Savoy Hotel 'A'	1572½	..	1.4	..
111½	39½	Sheffield United	45	– 1		
260½	184½	Sinclair (Wm)	260½	..	3.9	14.9
153½	47	Southampton	96		1.3	
110½	95½	Stakis	101	+ 1	2.8	16.0
320	249½	Stanley Leisure	307½	+ 1	1.4	30.6
11	6	Tandem	7½			
346	346	Tanjong	346		1.4	22.9
210	164	Thistle Hotels	171½	– ½	2.7	16.8
142	99½	Tottenham Hot	101	– ½	0.9	17.3
115½	93½	Toy Options	105½	+ 1	4.4	7.8

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RETAILERS, GENERAL

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
103½	59½	Essex Furn	75½	.	6.0	15.3
137	120	Etam	129½	..	1.2	...
313½	237½	Fine Art Devt	292½	..	7.1	12.5
196½	112½	Flood Earn	196½	.	1.5	22.2
375½	177½	Flying Flw Uk	375	+ 3½	1.4	25.6
149½	70½	Formminster	140½	.	2.3	
345	267	French Conn	297½		1.2	16.2
142½	84½	Frost Group	85½	– 8	10.4	6.7
63½	46½	Gleeset	58	+ 2½	3.6	
404½	324½	Goldsmiths Grp	347½	+ 13	2.5	18.2
683½	579	GUS	662½	+ 12½	3.2	17.3
313½	231½	HBC Furnishing	253½	..	2.0	34.0
401½	274	Hamleys	274	– 4½	4.1	13.8
87½	60½	Hampden Grp	67½	+ 1½	4.4	9.3
181½	136	Hse of Fraser	180½	– 2	4.9	..
96½	70½	Hughes (TJ)	95½	– ½	3.8	..
532	268	JJB Sports	455	+ 4	1.2	30.0
741	622½	Kingfisher	722	– 5	3.3	17.3
909½	130	Kingsbury Grp	136½	+ 3	3.4	10.4
387½	347½	Liberty	352½		0.7	
200	52½	Limelight	56½		...	30.3

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ALTERNATIVE INV MARKET

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
107½	84½	Abacus Recruit	102½		0.6	19.8
210½	170	Cafe Inns	196		1.5	15.1
230	152½	Country Gdnst	223½		0.9	20.7
262½	207½	Dawson Hldgs	215		2.8	20.7
51½	36½	Freepages	37	– 1½		
93½	88½	Megalomedia	92½			51.9
65	33½	Memory Corp	40½	– 1½	..	...
590	295	Prism Rail	295	– 2		
1265	945	Ramco Egypt	1065		0.1	..
793	619½	Southern News	734		3.1	23.8
72½	65½	Southern Vectis	72½		3.3	15.6
610	410	Surrey Fr Ins	495		0.6	34.2
60½	32	Trocadero	32	– ½		

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Global Opps	114.60	122.00	-0.20	
Balanced Acc	70.71	75.25		2.06
Balanced Inc	65.35	69.53		2.06
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High Inc Equity	206.00	220.30	+0.20	4.40
Worldwide Bond	270.20	286.50†	-2.10	3.88
American Growth	461.40	493.30	+2.40	0.34
Asian Pacific	335.80	359.10	-5.30	0.38
Assets & Earnings	325.90	348.60†	+0.20	2.71
Euro Capital Acc	222.40	237.90	+0.40	0.84
Extra Inc	43.86	46.66†	+0.05	7.64
General	299.40	318.50	+0.40	2.89
Global Opps	79.71	84.80	-0.07	0.47
Japan	106.80	114.20	-1.60	
Managed Inc	50.98	54.23†	-0.04	4.15
Mastertrust	187.50	200.50	-0.30	1.20
US Emerging Cos	185.00	197.90	-0.60	
Ethical	85.49	90.95†	-0.43	1.80
International	149.30	158.90	-0.40	0.55
Dividend & Growth	76.58	81.47	+0.10	4.12
Global Grth & Sec	76.44	81.54	+0.04	2.48
Latin America	90.10	95.85	+1.01	0.41
Capital Reserve	149.30	149.30		4.68
ABBEY NATIONAL UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0171 275 8600				
N&P UK Growth	104.70	111.30		2.04
Equity Income	146.70	156.00		3.88
Euro Income	284.20	302.30	-0.10	6.60
Smaller Cos	108.30	115.20	-0.10	1.54
International	127.70	135.80†	-0.30	[illegible]
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0131 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	2456.10	2569.00	-2.00	
ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0800 833 580				
Amer Inc & Growth	71.17	73.84	-0.01	
Emerging Mkts	80.95	84.31	+0.47	0.04
European	167.90	174.50	-0.20	
Extra Income #	54.07	56.90†	-0.07	5.72
Far East Emg Eco	129.80	136.10	-0.90	0.46
Fixed Interest #	26.80	27.87†	+0.02	8.72
Fund Inv Tst #	174.80	183.40	+0.00	0.09
Japan	185.90	193.30	-3.70	
Latin American	76.66	79.70	-0.80	0.61
Pacific	83.93	88.10	-0.89	0.30
Property Share	85.34	89.58	-0.11	1.96
UK Emerging Cos	70.89	76.62	-0.12	1.26
UK Growth	63.57	66.20	-0.03	1.77
[illegible] World Port #	89.75	94.46†	-0.11	2.83
Ethical	85.17	88.58†	-0.15	1.99
Aberdeen Gilt Inc #	50.23	50.28†	+0.02	7.27
AIRWAYS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0171 256 5888				
Resdtl Property #	101.60	108.00		5.26
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD 01452 305 958				
Indv Income	101.05	107.21	-0.02	3.98
Income Builder Inc	87.98	93.60†	-0.11	3.87
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC IFA dlg. 01793 610 366 Client dlg: 01793 514 514				
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	329.90	352.60	+2.70	2.86
Capital	576.90	616.50	+2.90	1.02
Balanced	956.90	1022.00†	+7.00	2.39
Accumulator	1861.00	1989.00	+14.00	1.57
Income Trusts				
American Income	74.86	80.020	+0.47	2.03
High Income	534.60	571.10	+3.90	3.74
Equity Income	302.90	323.40	+2.20	3.43
High Yield	321.30	343.40†	+2.50	3.68
Govt Securities	35.69	37.680	+0.12	5.51
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	252.80	269.50	+1.20	0.04
European Growth	65.63	70.040	-0.83	0.06
International	209.40	223.70†	-0.20	0.19
Japan	195.70	209.20	-2.90	
Pacific	420.40	449.40	-6.80	
Secs of America	685.10	729.30†	+4.20	0.11
Wwide Asset Val	60.77	64.960	-0.05	0.02
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	742.80	794.00†	-4.60	1.72
Com & Gilt	55.83	59.680	-0.28	3.55
Smaller Cos	209.10	223.50	+0.10	1.02
2nd Smaller Cos	198.40	211.90	+0.10	0.73
Recovery	188.60	201.60	+2.00	1.19
Met Min & Cdty	158.70	169.60†	+0.50	0.18
Oseas Earnings	490.10	523.90	+3.50	0.93
Technology	242.80	259.50†	+0.30	.
UK Special Sits	658.30	703.70	+4.50	1.52
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 01293 526 911				
Cntrctd Out Pens	131.00	136.10		
Foundtn Pens Pens	77.86	80.69		
For BG-Thornhill see Thornhill				
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD 0131 222 4242				
America	400.20	425.70	+0.50	
Bond	123.30	129.80	-0.20	6.43
Brit Smlr Cos	113.70	121.00	-0.20	1.84
Conv & Gen #	68.53	72.90†	-0.34	5.32
Europe	337.90	358.80	+1.60	0.10
Euro Smlr Cos	130.80	139.30	+0.80	0.31
Income Grth	395.70	421.00†	+1.70	4.50
Japan	339.10	349.40	-7.70	
Latin American	113.40	120.60†	-1.50	0.55
Pacific	120.40	128.10	-2.10	0.51
UK Smlr Cos	59.13	62.90	-0.04	1.27
Japan Fd	638.60	657.40	-8.60	
Mngd Fd	227.50	241.60	+0.10	2.56
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD 0171 489 8673				
Brit & Oseas	428.30	453.00	+10.60	0.78
Capital Grth	150.60	159.30	+7.40	2.62
Wwide Opps	251.50	266.70	+5.70	0.82
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD 0181 522 4090				
Balanced Trusts				
Grth & Inc Inc	487.40	518.50†	+0.60	1.92
European Bd Inc	100.00	103.60		5.91
Exempt	96.31	102.50†	+0.30	2.43
500	509.90	548.30	+0.30	2.06
General	373.00	396.90	+0.70	2.04
Property	259.20	278.10†		5.43
Trustee	265.20	282.20	-0.70	[illegible]
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.90	100.90		5.71
Distribution	120.70	121.39†	-0.10	
Extra Income #	157.70	166.20	-0.40	4.30
Gilt & Fxd Int	60.55	62.42†	+0.04	7.54
Income #	668.30	712.90	+2.00	4.25
Income Builder #	76.48	81.45	-0.16	4.88
Intl Income	81.54	86.74	-0.20	1.65
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	164.90	175.50	+3.50	1.90
FTSE 100	120.80	128.20†	-0.40	2.70
Leisure	[illegible]	197.50	+0.10	1.61
Recovery	572.40	610.50	+1.70	2.08
Smllr Cos Inc	60.52	64.55	-0.09	2.18
Special Sits	471.70	501.90	+0.60	1.80
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	211.10	[illegible]	[illegible]	0.75
F East Grth Acc	377.40	[illegible]	-5.10	[illegible]
Far East Grth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Euro Grth Inc	221.20	234.10	-1.00	0.71
-do- Accum	240.63	254.60	-1.10	0.71
Japan	132.60	140.70	-1.80	
-do- Accum	134.40	142.50	-1.90	
Japan Smllr Sits	62.54	66.97	-0.95	
Worldwide	237.30	252.30	+0.10	0.61
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD 0171 214 1004				
American Growth	160.50	171.70	-1.90	
Amer Smllr Cos	152.40	[illegible]	[illegible]	
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD 0171 250 3300				
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		
BRITANNIA FUND MGRS LTD [illegible]				
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 0171 480 7216				
[illegible]	64.29	65.62	-0.07	6.40
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD 0161 837 5060				
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
CANADA LIFE MGMT (UK) LTD 01707 622 100				
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD [illegible]				
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 0171 606 0708				
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Pacific Portfolio	160.43	172.51†	-1.66	0.75
UK Equity	107.40	114.71	-0.05	2.94
UK Equity & Bd	62.53	66.28	-0.03	6.11
UK Smlr Cos	53.78	57.50	-0.05	1.85
CBF CHURCH OF ENGLAND FUNDS 0171 588 1815				
Inv Fd Inc	858.33	871.31		3.97
Inv Fd Acc	869.37	882.51		
Fxd Int Sec Inc	158.51	159.15	..	8.99
Fxd Int Sec Acc	162.13	162.77	.	
COIF CHARITY FUNDS 0171 588 1815				
Investment Inc	844.26	857.02		4.04
Investment Acc	3981.33	4041.51		
Fixed Int Inc	130.92	131.44		8.63
Fixed Int Acc	249.04	250.04	...	.
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD 0171 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	87.97	92.74	...	5.40
Beck Bio-Tech	40.44	43.94†	+0.35	
Acorn Ethical Tst	197.99	207.91†		0.45
City Fin Access	85.01	89.27		1.86
City Fin Intl	95.28	100.03†		0.06
Friars Hse Cap	330.03	351.10	...	2.27
Buckley Wrld Grth	149.95	157.89	..	
J Swd Inc/Gth Inc	82.63	85.77		3.25
Share Utilities	66.83	70.36†	+0.30	4.95
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	62.10	65.88	+0.34	...
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD 0345 772 233				
American Grwth	90.73	96.52	+0.55	.
Dragon Growth	73.02	78.09	-1.53	0.38
Equity High Inc	104.06	110.11†	-0.34	3.47
-do- Accum	154.14	163.11	-0.50	3.47
Extra Income Inc	27.78	29.21	+0.05	6.74
Extra Income Acc	31.44	33.07	+0.04	6.74
European Grwth	75.71	80.12	+0.51	0.16
Evergreen	33.25	35.56	+0.02	
General Equity	122.45	129.24	-0.01	2.49
Japan Growth	45.55	48.46	-0.67	...
Pedigree Grwth	72.63	76.85	-0.21	1.97
Ped Sml Cos Inc	39.90	42.22†	+0.01	1.30
-do- Accum	42.73	45.22	+0.01	1.30
Retirement Inc #	31.45	33.46	+0.02	5.40
Special Sits	52.60	56.56	+0.02	2.58
UK & Overseas	68.25	72.22	-0.24	0.54
COLONIAL UNIT TRUSTS (UK) LTD 01634 888 000				
Balanced	78.10	81.35	+0.16	3.80
Capital	94.04	97.95	+0.13	2.25
High Income	54.12	56.37†	+0.03	6.56
Top 50	66.86	69.64	+0.43	2.31
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MGRS LTD 0181 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	209.21	217.95	-0.40	4.43
Long Gilt	*46.68*	*48.60*	*+0.01*	*5.76*
Monthly Inc Plus	53.81	56.06	+0.04	7.99
Preference Share	51.29	53.43	+0.01	7.30
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	155.32	161.81	+2.84	5.64
Managed Fund	83.51	87.00	-0.09	2.60
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	53.47	55.70	-0.06	1.52
-do- Accum	63.95	66.62	-0.06	1.52
UK & General	111.68	116.35	-0.02	2.42
-do- Accum	148.05	154.23	-0.04	2.42
UK Growth	222.51	231.81	+0.47	1.69
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	248.12	258.49	+0.80	0.52
Far Eastern Grth	136.66	142.37	-2.00	0.02
Global Bond	74.29	77.39	-0.25	6.64
Japan Growth	110.28	114.89	-1.89	
North Amer Grth	283.81	295.67	+1.86	
Oriental Growth	85.80	89.38	-1.42	0.26
Worldwide Growth	*80.97*	*84.35*	*-0.10*	..
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	92.27	92.27	+0.01	5.70
Homemaker Fund	101.13	107.60	-0.15	2.01
Quilter Fund	173.60	184.70	-0.07	1.95
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD 0171 407 5966				
Consistent UT	38.63	41.29	+0.02	3.93
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD 0800 526 358				
Growth	194.80	207.20†	+0.70	1.60
Income	80.53	85.67	+0.38	4.12
European	87.07	92.63	+0.55	0.22
Recovery	187.20	199.20	+0.20	2.38
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD 0171 283 9494				
Equity Dist	*1106.20*	*1123.10*		3.11
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD 01277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	116.40	123.80	-0.10	1.10
Income #	309.70	329.40†		4.17
-do- Accum #	842.30	896.00	+0.10	4.17
Smaller Cos	233.10	247.90	-0.20	0.96
-do- Accum	290.40	308.90	-0.20	0.96
Gth Portfolio	109.70	116.70	+0.10	1.22
High Inc Port #	91.36	97.19	-0.01	4.30
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD 0171 470 1634				
Global Sml Cos	1799.00	1821.10	+19.00	
UK Small Cos	2269.20	2358.90	-0.10	2.91
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS 0171 377 8819				
Disc Inc	240.00	247.40†		3.14
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD 01242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	196.40	208.90†	-0.10	1.55
UK High Inc Inc	205.30	218.40†	-0.50	3.45
-do- Accum	286.30	304.50†	+0.80	3.45
UK Pref & F I Inc	61.04	64.82†	+0.10	5.71
Envmntl Opps	116.00	123.30	-0.10	1.57
UK Smlr Cos #	74.19	78.92	+0.02	0.85
Extra Income Inc	52.58	55.91	-0.03	6.57
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0345 090 526				
Convertibles #	23.78	25.27†	+0.01	5.54
Enterprise	117.20	124.20†		2.01
Equity Income #	158.50	168.40†	+0.90	3.50
European	72.46	76.74	+0.32	
Financial	67.47	71.69	+0.08	1.39
Growth & Inc #	324.80	345.10	+1.90	2.54
High Dist #	199.50	212.00†	+1.20	4.01
International	464.00	493.00		0.20
Inl Cap Inc	118.80	126.80	+0.10	2.13
Latin American	39.91	42.40	+0.58	
Pacific	85.14	90.46	-1.03	
Prof High Inc	23.82	25.31	+0.01	7.11
Tokyo	211.70	223.80	-3.70	
UK Smaller Cos	256.00	272.00†	-0.30	1.10
Dunedin Unit Trusts				
Japan Sml Cos	358.30	379.50	-8.00	
Nth Amer	493.10	522.70	+1.50	0.56
UK Inc & Grth	288.80	307.50	+1.80	2.41
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD 0171 242 0242				
BRI Directly Dlgs	128.43	137.36	+0.10	0.94
Growth Acc	299.92	319.93	+3.19	0.60
Income	613.10	652.95	-14.10	6.09
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD 0171 373 7261				
Endurance Fd	250.50	266.50	+4.50	3.04
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 01296 431 480				
European	105.09	111.67†	+1.37	1.49
Ethical Tst	52.60	55.37	+0.05	0.74
Far Eastern	316.69	335.36	-2.94	1.49
High Income	159.50	167.68†	+1.09	4.29
UK Index Tracking	61.99	65.25	-0.39	2.79
Intl Growth	155.71	165.90	-0.04	0.90
North American	172.54	182.67	-1.22	1.75
Pelican	167.24	175.34	-1.23	2.75
Smaller Cos	72.56	76.32	[illegible]	2.47
Special Sits	97.25	102.27	-0.60	[illegible]
Trst of Inv Tsts	239.79	256.94	+0.24	1.24
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD 01392 412 144				
Capital Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.34	
Fund of Inv Tsts	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
High Income #	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Zero Preference	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD 01273 220 707				
Family Asset Tst	109.40	116.50	+0.20	2.23
[illegible] Charter	343.00	364.90	+1.50	1.69
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD Callfree: Private Clients 0800 414 161				
Cash Funds				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00		5.30
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD 0171 814 2700				
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT Dlg 01277 690 365 Admin Tel 01277 690 350				
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
For [illegible] see [illegible]				
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD Enq 0171 330 6500 Dealing 0345 775511				
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
-do- Accum	270.30	288.80†	-1.00	.
Income & Growth	253.60	269.80†	+0.20	4.08
-do- Accum	414.90	441.40†	+0.30	4.08
Intl Growth	458.90	488.80†	-1.90	...
-do- Accum	509.60	542.80†	-2.10	
Japan & Gen	164.00	174.00	-2.20	
-do- Accum	165.60	175.80	-2.20	
Monthly Inc #	220.40	234.50†	+0.30	4.26
-do- Accum #	226.10	240.50†	+0.20	4.26
Managed Port Inc	131.70	138.80	-0.10	1.29
-do- Accum	144.70	152.30	-0.10	1.39
Quarterly Income #	60.79	65.05†	+0.07	5.07
-do- Accum #	71.81	76.86†	+0.10	5.07
Recovery	357.20	382.00	-2.30	
-do- Accum	421.70	451.00	-2.60	
UK Growth	74.19	78.83†	+0.11	1.79
-do- Accum	81.97	87.20†	+0.14	1.79
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS Dealing 01722 715835 Enq 01722 715834				
FP American	73.43	78.10	+0.74	.
FP Am Smllr Cos	212.10	226.20†	+2.60	
FP Asian Growth	289.30	308.50†	-1.90	
FP Australian	464.20	495.10	-0.50	...
FP Equity Dist	520.50	555.10†	+1.30	2.05
-do- Accum	1174.00	1252.00	+3.00	2.05
FP Euro Gth	348.70	371.90	+1.90	
-do- Accum	382.00	407.40	+2.00	...
FP Intl Bond	56.46	58.74	+0.01	4.12
FP Intl Gth Dist	42.79	45.64	+0.03	
-do- Accum	62.85	67.04	+0.06	
FP Pac Basin Acc	228.30	243.50	-3.10	
FP Income #	65.38	69.73†	+0.17	4.48
-do- Accum #	237.80	253.40	+0.60	4.48
FP Jap Smllr Cos	255.60	272.60	-4.50	
FP Monthly Dist #	81.76	87.21†	+0.13	5.12
FP Stlg Deposit	100.80	100.80		5.31
FP Tokyo	78.71	83.95	-1.53	
FP UK Focus	49.04	52.30	+0.16	1.45
FP UK Growth	231.50	246.50	+1.00	1.67
-do- Accum	470.80	502.10	+1.80	1.67
Stewardship Dist	461.90	492.60†	-0.70	1.24
-do- Accum	587.50	626.60	-0.90	1.24
Stwdshp Inc Dist #	79.41	84.70†	-0.19	4.84
-do- Accum #	112.30	119.70	-0.30	4.84
N Am Stshp Dist	148.30	158.10	+1.40	0.05
-do- Accum	159.60	170.20	+1.60	0.05
FP Exempt Trust				
Inst Ethical In #	116.30	116.60†		2.90
Inst Ethical Ac #	117.60	118.10		2.90
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Grwth Acc	142.40	151.40†	+0.60	0.56
Open Cap Gth Acc	144.80	154.00†	+0.40	
Cap Gth Inc Inc #	128.60	136.80	-0.40	2.87
Cap Gth Inc Acc #	137.90	146.60	+0.50	2.67
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic #	133.10	141.50	+0.40	3.68
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac #	144.20	153.30	+0.50	3.66
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0345 581 106/7				
GANDA	339.60	360.30†	-2.30	1.60
Cash	49.47	50.21†		4.54
Growth Portfolio	102.60	109.10	-0.60	
Income Portfolio	81.23	86.19†	-0.24	3.86
GEM DOLPHIN INV MGRS LTD 0171 236 6441				
Special Sits	240.90	257.60	+0.10	0.50
Dividend	*111.70*	*119.50*	*-0.60*	3.77
Int Gth & Inc	282.50	302.10	-1.00	1.31
UK & Gen	55.91	59.80	-0.63	1.14
Fund of Funds	81.78	87.47	+0.18	
GT GLOBAL FUND MGMT LTD Inv 0800 212274 Dealing 0171 626 9431				
American Smlr Cos	221.30	236.40	+0.70	0.14
European Gth	839.60	891.50	+4.10	0.53
Euro Eq & Bd Inc	58.02	61.47	+0.02	3.88
-do- Accum	66.62	70.58	+0.01	3.88
High Yield #	52.12	55.07†	+0.09	7.44
-do- Accum #	60.23	63.66	+0.11	7.44
Income Inc	217.30	232.40	+0.70	3.71
-do- Accum	252.30	269.90	+0.80	3.71
Intl Growth	410.50	435.60	+1.70	0.28
Intl Income	107.70	113.90†	+0.50	2.08
Japan Growth	457.30	484.90	-10.00	
Orient Acc	*202.70*	*216.80*	*-8.70*	*0.14*
UK General Inc	208.10	222.30	+0.80	1.58
UK General Acc	373.70	399.20	+1.50	1.58
UK Sm Cos Dv Acc	63.96	68.41	-0.20	1.70
UK Spec Sits	115.70	123.80		1.33
US Growth	215.10	227.50	+3.60	
Wwide Spec Sits	174.00	195.00	+0.60	
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS 0171 782 2000 Dlgs only: 01277 264 421				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	67.21	71.88	+0.11	1.91
Practical Inv Inc #	135.72	145.18	+0.40	3.31
-do- Accum #	329.86	352.79	+0.98	3.31
UK Index	208.77	209.82	+0.01	2.94
UK Smaller Cos	230.40	246.42	+0.31	0.30
Income Funds				
Extra Yield	25.63	26.56	+0.16	6.89
High Income	*39.18*	*41.84†*	-0.03	4.06
UK Growth & Inc	181.51	194.03	+0.25	2.46
Global Bond	28.22	29.27	-0.10	4.75
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	53.02	56.71	-0.32	
Global Managed	160.32	170.27	-0.17	1.14
Gold & Intl Res	109.63	117.25†	-0.94	
Global Utilities	167.28	178.35†	+0.20	0.79
Overseas Funds				
American	228.63	242.29†	-0.96	0.50
European	162.22	172.10	+0.51	0.46
Euro Sel Opps	247.69	263.01	+0.61	
Amer Emerging	180.35	191.93	-0.02	
Hong Kong	203.50	217.61	-11.28	0.79
Japan	216.09	229.85	-4.17	
Pacific Growth	233.56	250.46†	-2.92	
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	288.80	288.80	-4.02	1.70
Long Term Bal	306.25	306.25	-0.03	2.69
Med Term Bal	*246.37*	*246.37*	*-2.04*	2.53
UK Equity	344.64	344.64†	+0.86	2.31
UK Emerging Cos	181.85	181.85†	-5.23	2.15
American	390.82	390.82	+2.82	0.33
Japan	127.39	127.39	-2.25	
European	418.40	418.40	+0.95	0.71
Index Linked Gilt	192.24	192.24†	+0.19	2.66
Fixed Interest	190.28	190.38†	-0.17	7.02
Amer Emergent	397.50	397.50	-0.50	
Pacific	228.75	228.75†	-2.11	0.90
Emerging Mkts	144.72	144.72	+1.03	0.61
Index Strat Japan	133.86	133.86	-1.71	0.22
-do- Pacific Rim	206.18	206.18	-3.61	1.14
-do- Cont Europe	218.62	218.62	-0.52	1.25
Index Strat USA	232.71	232.71	-1.79	1.25
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	136.52	145.22	-2.01	
Med Term Bal	119.16	126.76	-0.16	
Cash Trust	150.65	150.63†	-0.02	5.72
Long Term Bal	138.38	147.21	-0.01	
UK Equity	160.62	170.87	+2.63	
UK Emerging Cos	85.71	91.18	-2.62	
American	181.42	192.99	+1.39	
Japan	60.94	64.83	-1.14	
European	174.14	185.25	+0.42	
Fixed Interest	98.57	104.86	-0.19	
Index Linked Gilt	85.74	91.21	+0.09	
Deposit	90.86	96.66	-0.01	
Broker Unit Trusts				
SWH Inl	168.27	177.13	-0.45	0.48
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT GAM Sterling Management 0171 493 9990				
Stlg & Intl Inc	723.10	769.25	+3.36	0.85
-do- Accum	820.75	873.18	+4.50	0.95
European Inc	198.05	210.43	-0.54	1.34
Amalgam Inc	[illegible]	187.14		
N America Inc	452.71	[illegible]	+0.69	
Far East Inc	386.91	[illegible]	-2.29	0.59
-do- Accum	401.57	427.21	-3.52	0.59
UK Dvrts Inc	231.66	246.45	-1.25	1.79
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD 0171 378 7979 Dealing: 0171 407 7888				
Protected Funds				
UK Safeguard	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.02	
Do NAV to Jan 20	[illegible]	[illegible]		
UK Equity Safeguard	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.10	2.47
Do NAV to Jan 20	[illegible]	[illegible]		
Cash	[illegible]	[illegible]		5.50
UK Growth Funds				
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD 0171 534 6968				
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GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD 0171 522 2129				
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
HALIFAX UT MGMT LTD [illegible]				
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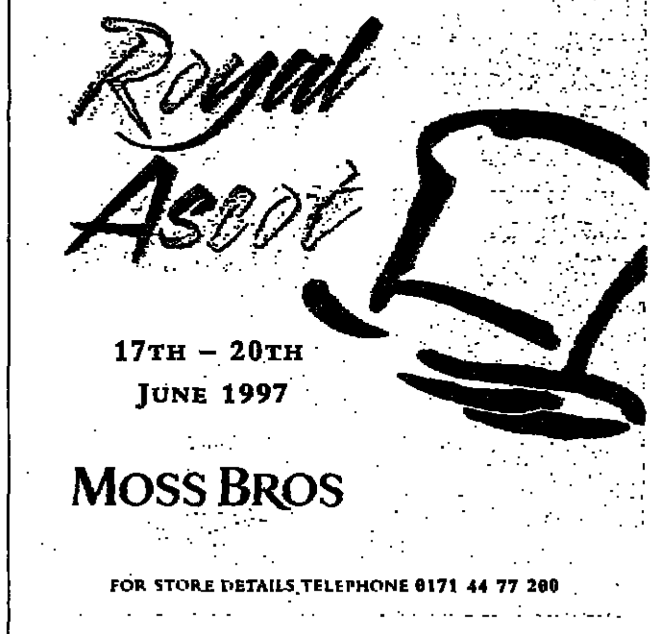
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD [illegible]				
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
HARGREAVES LANSDOWN FUND MGRS LTD [illegible]				
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
HENDERSON INVESTORS [illegible]				
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Japan Smllr Cos	188.24	199.66	-3.92	
Pacific Smlr Cos	235.46	250.85	-5.52	..
North American	379.78	402.58	+0.93	
American Smaller	193.05	205.38	+1.25	.
HIGH PEAK UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Income & Growth #	177.00	186.40	+1.60	4.86
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS 0181 686 4355				
British	143.69	150.46†	+0.08	1.41
Capital	228.68	239.46	-0.06	1.56
Dollar	579.63	606.95	+5.98	
Enterprise Gth	461.31	483.05	-0.05	0.85
European	320.70	335.81	+0.95	0.07
Far East	298.63	312.70	-5.20	0.57
Financial	1299.33	1360.55	-0.44	1.24
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	27.46	28.56†	+0.03	8.54
High Yield #	125.92	131.85†	+0.28	4.47
Income & Growth #	188.95	197.85†	+0.47	3.30
International	324.28	339.57	-0.22	0.35
Japanese General	190.30	199.27	-3.49	
Japan Tech	88.42	92.59	-1.88	
Nat Resources	79.26	82.99	-0.04	0.50
Portfolio	91.99	96.33	-0.05	1.30
Special Sits	230.64	241.51	+1.30	0.03
UK Emerging Cos	135.35	141.72	-0.32	1.03
US Smaller Cos	169.21	177.19†	+1.10	
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD Advisers 0800 181 890 Investors 0800 289 505				
Active Funds-UK				
Income #	733.40	782.70	-0.20	4.62
UK Growth	810.80	865.30	-1.60	1.43
High Income #	129.90	138.60†	+0.30	5.49
Active Funds-International				
American Gwth	733.80	775.60	+6.30	0.27
European Gwth	176.30	187.30	+1.00	0.20
Japan Gwth	272.80	288.90	-3.00	...
Japan Smllr Cos	29.39	31.35	-0.32	.
Asian	62.81	67.00	-1.12	.
Sing & Malay Gwth	84.84	90.54†	-0.09	
Hong Kong Gwth	201.50	215.00	-10.30	0.22
Global Bond	21.34	22.48	-0.06	4.81
Index Funds-UK				
UK Index	196.30	197.30	-0.20	2.79
Totals Index	134.40	137.90	+0.20	2.52
THE FOOTSIE FUND	78.16	78.55†	-0.08	2.52
Index Funds-International				
American Index	352.10	353.90	+2.60	0.78
Eurotrack 100	232.10	233.30	+0.90	1.00
Japan Index	70.53	70.88	-0.87	0.13
Tiger Index	182.30	186.50	-1.30	0.08
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD 0171 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	55.07	57.51	+0.08	1.28
General Funds				
Managed Dist	98.22	102.60†	-0.30	1.00
Managed	101.70	106.20†	-0.30	1.00
Rupert Child Fnd	123.10	128.40	-0.10	1.80
UK Growth	80.42	83.98†	-0.01	1.50
High Income Funds				
UK Extra Inc #	99.19	103.60	+0.10	5.32
Gilt & Fixed Int #	27.94	28.84	.	7.64
UK Inc & Gwth	55.30	57.85†	+0.01	2.74
UK Income #	425.40	444.30†	+0.90	4.16
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	70.54	73.04	+0.21	.
Amer Smlr Cos	171.20	178.80	-0.39	.
-do- Accum	173.00	180.70	-0.30	.
Europe Gth	274.30	285.90	+0.30	.
-do- Accum	284.10	296.20	+0.40	
Euro Smaller Cos	50.87	52.96	+0.16	
French Growth	108.60	112.70	+1.40	0.03
-do- Accum	117.60	122.10	+1.60	0.03
H Kong & China	132.50	138.10	-7.10	0.31
Intl Growth	77.49	80.73	-0.19	0.36
-do- Accum	78.95	82.25	-0.21	0.36
Japan Gth	28.00	29.18†	-0.65	.
-do- Accum	28.00	29.18†	-0.65	
Japan Smaller Cos	32.33	33.74	-0.60	
Glob Emg Mkts	107.10	111.90	+0.50	
-do- Accum	107.90	112.70	+0.50	..
SE Asia	353.90	369.60	-7.20	
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond #	49.77	51.31†	+0.07	6.62
JOHNSON FRY UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD Enq 01277 227300 Dealing 01277 690446				
UK Income #	121.30	128.90†		3.17
UK Growth	125.10	133.00†	+0.30	1.59
Hy 5 Europe	109.70	115.10	+1.00	1.94
Slater Gwth	211.60	225.70	+0.40	0.89
New Japan	89.08	94.09	-2.14	
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD 0171 581 3020				
World Health	212.30	225.80	-2.50	
Income #	249.37	265.28	+0.42	3.91
UK Growth	95.43	101.52	+0.17	1.82
Intl Growth	96.49	102.64	+0.16	0.55
Ecology	112.23	119.39	-0.20	0.87
European	*240.38*	*255.61*	+1.45	*0.20*
Far Eastern	335.10	356.40	-7.00	
UK Special Sits	60.90	64.95	+0.01	0.37
Fd of Inv Tsts	59.32	63.27†	+0.07	
High Income #	56.16	59.90		4.67



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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS Dealers: 0171 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Bond Income	103.90	107.30†		6.70
Euro Prm Inc	117.60	125.10	+0.50	2.75
-do- Accum	117.60	125.10	+0.50	2.75
Gilt Yield	122.30	129.00†	-0.40	6.27
Global Income	254.50	271.10†	+2.50	2.96
High Yield	[illegible]	197.70		4.72
-do- Accum	625.50	666.50	-0.20	4.72
Money Market	100.10	100.10†	+0.01	5.80
Smllr Cos Div	65.54	69.72†	0.08	3.71
Tomorrows Co Ex Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	-2.00	3.90
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	170.90	181.60	+0.50	
Asian Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
North American	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
European Special	[illegible]	[illegible]		1.05
European	209.10	[illegible]	+1.30	0.62
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	+1.90	0.62
Global [illegible] Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]		1.95
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT 0171 407 5966				
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD [illegible]				
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 395				
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
LINCOLN UNIT TRUST MGRS 01452 371 500 Dealing: 01452 371 523				
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD [illegible]				
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
-do- Accum	98.70	105.00	-1.40	
Master Trust	74.55	79.31	-0.66	1.27
-do- Accum	86.08	91.58	-0.76	1.27
Millennium Acc	108.70	115.70†	...	2.09
N American Gen	288.20	304.50	+3.00	..
-do- Accum	331.20	352.40	+3.40	.
NAm Sm Co Acc	203.40	216.40	+1.90	.
-do- Accum	207.60	220.90	+1.90	.
Pacific Basin	244.50	260.20	-9.50	0.36
-do- Accum	260.60	277.30	-10.20	0.36
Safety First Acc	104.60	110.40	+0.10	1.79
Do until 12/5/98 ‡	99.27			
Small Cos Acc	542.40	571.00†	-1.30	1.72
-do- Accum	755.10	794.90	-1.70	1.72
UK Eq Gth	191.70	204.00	+0.40	2.16
UK Eq Inc #	150.90	160.60	+0.60	3.73
UK Growth	123.10	131.00	+0.20	1.49
-do- Accum	155.70	165.70	+0.20	1.49
Worldwide Gth	393.40	418.60	+0.10	0.19
-do- Accum	582.00	619.20	+0.20	0.19
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT 01392 282 673				
American	105.68	113.05	+1.17	0.80
General	123.23	132.22†	+0.31	2.30
Income	83.59	88.68	+0.12	4.60
International	81.40	87.33†	+0.02	0.50
Japan	55.23	59.20	-1.04	..
Trt of Inv Trusts	84.30	90.44	+0.07	0.90
M & G SECURITIES Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 01245 390 390				
Amer & General	597.30	630.60	+1.90	0.18
-do- Accum	748.50	790.30	+3.50	0.18
Amer Recovery	705.10	745.60†	+1.30	..
-do- Accum	815.90	862.30†	+1.60	
Amer Smlr Cos	167.80	177.60	-0.30	
-do- Accum	171.50	181.50	-0.30	
Australasian	231.90	245.20	-1.60	1.85
-do- Accum	294.00	310.90	-2.00	1.85
Capital	1050.70	1111.10	+2.40	2.71
-do- Accum	1267.60	1340.40	+2.90	2.71
Charifund	875.00	883.80	-1.60	5.41
-do- Accum	4683.80	4730.70	-8.40	5.41
Commodity	496.50	525.10	+1.90	0.50
-do- Accum	734.20	776.40	+2.70	0.50
Compound Grth	1207.70	1277.10	..	2.76
-do- Accum	1350.60	1428.20	..	2.76
Corporate Bond	27.37	27.46	+0.03	6.90
Dividend	48.20	51.00†	+0.30	4.66
-do- Accum	222.30	235.10†	+0.60	4.66
Equity Income	353.80	374.10	+0.60	5.42
-do- Accum	501.40	530.10	+0.90	5.42
Euro & General	736.70	779.10	+5.20	0.58
-do- Accum	946.10	1000.60	+6.70	0.58
Euro Dividend	92.10	97.40	+0.10	3.39
-do- Accum	118.10	125.00	+0.10	3.39
Euro Smlr Cos	58.80	62.20†	+0.20	0.50
-do- Accum	59.00	62.40†	+0.20	0.50
Extra Yield	517.40	547.20	-0.50	4.89
-do- Accum	1776.20	1878.60	-1.60	4.89
Fund of Inv Tsts	780.60	825.50†	+0.10	1.16
-do- Accum	1522.90	1610.60†	+0.30	1.16
General	79.00	83.50	+0.20	3.50
-do- Accum	237.00	250.80	+0.70	3.50
Gilt Income	64.86	64.97†	+0.05	6.40
-do- Accum	205.01	205.33†	+0.14	6.40
Gold	63.80	67.50	-0.30	1.01
-do- Accum	76.60	81.00	-0.40	1.01
High Income	36.40	38.50†	+0.10	4.53
-do- Accum	161.80	171.20†	+0.30	4.53
Intl Growth	101.10	106.90	+0.10	0.64
-do- Accum	179.10	189.40	+0.30	0.64
International Inc	121.60	128.60	-0.30	4.11
-do- Accum	197.70	209.10	-0.40	4.11
Japan & Gen	36.50	38.60†	-0.50	
-do- Accum	39.20	41.40†	-0.50	.
Japan Smlr Cos	126.30	133.50	-2.60	
-do- Accum	127.20	134.50	-2.60	.
Managed Gwth	29.10	30.70		1.46
Managed Income	32.50	34.10†		4.14
Midland	60.90	64.40	+0.10	3.24
-do- Accum	216.60	229.20	+0.20	3.24
Pension Ex	1190.00	1219.80	-1.70	3.87
Recovery	50.70	53.60	+0.20	2.77
-do- Accum	87.90	93.00	+0.30	2.77
Second General	79.90	84.50	+0.20	3.91
-do- Accum	221.00	233.80	+0.50	3.91
Smaller Cos	66.00	69.80	-0.10	3.17
-do- Accum	138.70	146.80	-0.10	3.17
Sth East Asia	407.70	431.10	-8.00	1.16
-do- Accum	547.00	578.40	-8.10	1.16
Treasury	25.16	25.20†	+0.01	6.07
Trustee	47.60	50.30	+0.20	4.88
-do- Accum	211.10	223.40	+1.00	4.88
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD Dealing: 01277 261 010 Enq: 01903 204 631				
European Growth	119.08	126.68	+0.14	0.36
Intl Bond	62.16	65.30†	+0.03	4.79
Intl Equity Growth	95.51	101.49†	-0.43	0.43
N Amer Growth	160.99	170.86	+0.91	0.66
Special Sits Growth	31.99	34.03	+0.05	2.01
UK Growth	529.77	563.58	+1.12	2.46
-do- Accum	738.98	786.14	+1.56	2.46
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD 01620 825867				
Balanced Fd #	1536.90	1560.60†		2.70
Income #	1109.40	1125.70	.	4.40
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0131 222 4242				
Maldon General	185.50	189.70†	.	4.03
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD 0800 363432				
High Inc #	99.56	102.60†	+0.10	6.41
M & S Inv Pfolio	199.30	205.50	+0.50	2.32
-do- Accum	238.90	246.20	+0.50	2.32
UK Sel Pfolio	179.40	185.00†	+0.70	2.31
-do- Accum	220.80	227.60†	+0.90	2.31
UK 100 Cos	140.80	140.80	+0.50	2.37
-do- Accum	144.30	144.30	+0.50	2.37
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD 01204 364 842				
Managed Fd	72.59	77.22	0.29	3.34
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD 0131 479 4646				
Intl Income	94.58	100.40†	-0.30	3.27
European	119.40	126.80	+0.60	0.33
Income #	95.20	101.10†	0.80	3.82
Nth American	113.50	120.50†		0.01
Far East	197.20	209.30†	3.10	0.16
Japan	65.63	69.67	-1.17	
Emgng Mkts	105.20	110.40	+0.90	
Intl Growth	151.90	161.30	-0.40	[illegible]
UK Growth	[illegible]	146.50	0.70	2.18
UK Smlr Co	[illegible]	68.94†	0.12	1.75
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	0.52	0.46
Glob Growth PEP	73.25	77.51	0.19	0.11
MATHESON UNIT TRUSTS LTD 0161 331 7433				
Select Portfolio	111.80	119.09	-0.20	
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD 0171 407 5966				
Income	535.67	569.18	-0.83	3.08
Global Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.06	3.40
Brit Leaders Inc	432.11	459.60	0.37	1.59
Intl Leaders	[illegible]	[illegible]	+1.36	0.62
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	+0.52	0.33
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD Dealing 0800 445522				
American	[illegible]	140.00	-1.600	
-do- Accum	[illegible]	363.70	-1.400	
American Gwth	[illegible]	[illegible]	+0.500	
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	+0.500	
British Blue Chip	112.90	119.80	+1.600	2.51
-do- Accum	147.20	156.10	+1.600	2.51
Cash	100.70	100.70		5.88
-do- Accum	152.50	152.60		5.88
Emerging Mkts	156.00	166.70†	+0.900	0.62
-do- Accum	157.40	169.30†	+1.100	0.62
European Growth	[illegible]	410.60	+3.000	0.46
-do- Accum	[illegible]	447.70	+3.400	0.46
European Income	100.40	106.20	+0.300	3.86
-do- Accum	135.90	[illegible]	+0.300	3.86
General	683.00	722.10	+2.400	2.18
-do- Accum	1410.00	1491.00	+5.000	2.18
Global Bond	107.90	114.20	0.50	[illegible]
-do- Accum	175.60	182.40	0.60	[illegible]
Gold & General	[illegible]	200.30	+0.500	0.37
-do- Accum	193.60	207.40	+0.600	0.37
Govt Securities	96.35	99.33†	+0.150	5.39
-do- Accum	212.00	218.50†	+0.300	5.39
High Yield Bd	184.60	197.20†	+0.200	6.45
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	+0.100	6.45
Income	215.20	228.40†	+0.800	3.94
-do- Accum	367.30	389.90†	+1.400	3.94
Inc Portfolio #	[illegible]	[illegible]	+0.300	4.84
-do- Accum #	[illegible]	145.00	+0.500	4.84
Intl Opps	618.40	[illegible]	+0.500	0.73
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	+1.100	0.73
Japan	[illegible]	[illegible]	-3.30	
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
New Europe	[illegible]	[illegible]	+1.400	0.97
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	+1.400	0.97
Pacific	114.50	122.10	0.80	0.45
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	1.10	0.45
Recovery	[illegible]	[illegible]	+0.400	1.67
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	+0.600	1.67
UK Smaller Cos	[illegible]	[illegible]	+0.090	1.48
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	+0.110	1.48
Portfolio	[illegible]	[illegible]	+0.300	[illegible]
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	+0.300	[illegible]
Managed Gth	[illegible]	[illegible]	+0.300	1.80
Managed Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	+0.200	[illegible]
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD 01707 662 233				
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	+1.45	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	+0.77	[illegible]
UK Income Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.45	[illegible]
MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD Enq: 0345 456 123 Dlg: 0345 456 126				
Balanced	[illegible]	79.90	0.12	2.44
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	0.15	2.44
British Tst	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.30	1.97
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	0.30	1.97
Corp Bond Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.10	[illegible]
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	+0.10	[illegible]
Extra High Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	6.71
-do- Accum #	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	6.71
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Monthly Income	105.70	110.70†	.	4.36
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	160.50	170.70	-0.50	1.94
European Growth	158.00	167.50	-1.20	
Gilt & Fixed	106.90	113.30		6.20
Income	120.50	128.20	-0.10	4.03
Japan Growth	46.35	49.13	+0.36	.
Managed	93.95	99.84	-0.15	2.40
Money Market	98.72	104.60		5.22
North American	[illegible]	136.90	+0.10	
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	145.50	154.80	-0.40	1.94
European Growth	148.30	157.10	-1.20	
Gilt & Fixed Int	100.10	106.20	+0.10	6.20
Income	118.10	125.60		4.03
Japan Growth	46.16	48.93	+0.36	.
Managed	89.62	95.34	-0.15	2.40
Money Market	90.94	99.40	+0.01	5.22
North American	115.80	122.60	+0.10	
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	144.20	153.40	-0.40	1.94
European Growth	145.00	153.70	-1.10	
Gilt & Fixed Int	90.15	95.67	+0.05	6.20
Income	114.70	122.00		4.03
Japan Growth	47.52	50.37	+0.36	...
Managed	92.32	98.21	+0.48	2.40
Money Market	82.48	87.43		5.22
North American	130.10	137.90	+0.10	.
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD Dealers: 0171 588 7474 Enquiries: 0171 588 7171				
American Gwth	540.40	572.50	+3.00	..
European Gth Inc	632.60	673.40†	+3.70	.
-do- Accum	639.60	680.80†	+3.80	
Intl Gwth	264.30	279.90†	-0.30	...
UK Equity Inc	249.38	265.40	+0.10	3.88
Do Accum	345.20	367.50		3.88
UK Growth Inc	145.00	155.30	+0.20	3.06
-do- Accum	149.50	160.10	+0.20	3.06
UK Ind Trckr Inc	225.20	240.30	+0.10	2.80
-do- Accum	281.30	302.20	+0.10	2.80
US Eq Ind Trk Inc	339.00	358.60	+2.20	0.92
Japan Tracker	66.04	69.67†	-0.85	.
Asian Tracker	229.90	245.90	-4.30	0.26
Mngd Ptflio Inc	207.80	221.50†	-0.10	1.62
Mngd Ptflio Acc	229.70	244.90†	...	1.62
Deposit Inc	100.01	100.01†	+0.01	5.89
Europe	278.10	295.80	+1.90	
Genesis	221.10	238.80†	-0.30	2.36
High Income	*21.39*	*22.67†*	*+0.01*	*10.00*
Japan Growth	97.86	103.80	-1.80	.
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT 0345 090 933				
Acumen	120.00	122.60	-0.20	1.82
Acumen Inc	107.90	110.30	-0.20	1.82
Acumen Reserve	102.10	103.10	+0.10	6.57
-do- Inc	76.59	77.35	+0.07	6.57
Americas Growth	81.60	83.37	+1.13	
Equity Income #	119.50	122.70†	+0.30	3.60
European	97.37	99.07	+0.07	0.17
Smaller Cos	101.60	106.60†	-0.10	0.94
W'wide Eqty	88.85	90.49	-0.05	
Global Bond	41.84	42.29†	-0.05	4.74
UK Growth	130.20	134.00	-0.40	1.13
Pacific Growth	119.60	122.90	-1.50	0.94
Japan Growth	95.77	97.41	-0.11	
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Avon Equity	172.75	183.78	+1.03	2.26
For N&P see Abbey National				
NPI INVESTMENT MGRS 0171 623 4200				
American Dist	144.80	152.40†	+0.80	0.26
European Dist	178.20	187.60†	+0.70	0.32
Far East Dist	185.90	195.70	-2.30	..
Global Care Dist	98.05	101.10†	-0.01	0.51
Oseas Dist	1233.80	1298.70	-2.00	.
-do- Accum	1603.40	1687.80	-2.80	.
UK Dist	493.90	519.90†	-0.40	1.49
-do- Accum	1023.70	1077.60	-0.70	1.49
UK Extra Inc Dist	103.20	108.60	+0.20	3.18
Wwide Dist	130.30	137.20	-0.40	
Wwide Inc Dist	97.45	102.58	+0.07	1.58
NATWEST UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Dlg: 01277 690 290 Admin Enq: 01277 690 398				
Europe Inc	93.67	99.07	+0.18	0.31
Fund of Funds Inc	77.86	82.17	-0.21	1.22
North America Inc	77.37	81.66†	+0.33	0.11
UK Equity Gth Inc	78.64	83.00†	-0.19	1.93
-do- Accum	86.28	91.08	-0.21	1.93
UK General Inc	76.25	80.47	+0.17	2.00
-do- Accum	85.45	90.18	+0.19	2.00
UK Gilt/Fix Int Inc	49.14	51.75	-0.01	6.07
UK Income Inc	74.41	78.53†	+0.08	3.06
UK Smlr Cos Inc	123.00	129.80		1.13
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD Enquiries: 0800 614 330 Dealing: 0500 440 000				
American	59.48	63.27	+0.07	
-do- Accum	59.95	63.77	+0.07	..
Bond	127.62	135.46†	+0.09	5.65
Cash Income	50.27	50.27†		5.30
-do- Accum	71.17	71.17†	+0.01	5.30
Distributor	116.44	123.87†	-1.49	2.71
European	66.96	71.23†	+0.10	
Foundation	123.71	131.60	+0.12	2.18
General Inc	261.07	277.73	-0.30	1.04
General Acc	264.83	281.73	-0.31	1.04
Growth Inc	158.37	168.47	-0.04	1.81
Growth Acc	164.28	174.74	-0.04	1.81
Higher Income Inc	36.39	38.71	-0.43	4.77
-do- Accum	45.12	48.00	-0.52	4.77
Income	304.20	323.61	-3.57	2.98
Intrepid	165.54	172.43†		1.29
Intl Grth	44.07	46.88	+0.26	.
Japan	28.96	30.80	+0.05	
Oriental Inc	150.61	160.22	-2.62	0.30
-do- Accum	156.00	165.95	-2.72	0.30
NORTHERN ROCK UNIT TRUST LTD 0191 285 5555				
High Income #	53.20	56.30	-0.16	5.86
UK Growth	129.60	137.10		2.39
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS 01603 682 234				
Master Trust	157.57	165.86	-0.30	1.30
UK Equity	193.69	203.98	-0.02	2.58
UK Equity Income	171.09	180.09†	+0.24	3.48
UK Smaller Cos	150.39	158.31	+0.05	1.33
UK Equity Growth	171.01	180.01	-0.40	1.04
UK Index Trckg	197.76	208.72	+1.40	2.54
Intl Index Trckg	194.18	204.94	+0.19	0.68
International	307.06	323.22†	-0.78	0.60
European	295.25	310.79	+1.09	0.14
Pan European	196.30	206.63†	+1.37	1.05
Nth American	278.12	292.76†	+0.07	0.35
N Amer Smlr Cos	292.70	308.10	+1.42	
Japanese	93.58	98.50†	-1.29	
Pacific	238.87	251.44†	-3.08	0.38
South East Asian	273.63	288.03	-5.13	0.63
Sterling Bond	104.86	110.38	+0.11	6.62
Intl Bond	126.50	133.16	-0.07	5.11
Gilt & Convertible	115.09	121.15	+0.12	5.77
Property	86.75	91.32†	-0.01	5.72
OLD MUTUAL FUND MGRS LTD 01256 768 888				
European Inc	400.40	429.50†	+3.00	0.04
-do- Accum	425.60	456.40†	+3.10	0.04
Japan Inc	100.90	107.00	-2.10	
Nth American Inc	186.00	196.90	+2.10	0.62
Worldwide Inc	206.20	220.00	+0.20	0.23
Hong Kong Inc	209.30	223.40	-10.10	0.71
Swiss Equities Inc	107.10	114.80		
Wwide Bond Inc	67.86	71.72	-0.31	4.90
Emgrng Asia Inc	191.20	206.00	-2.70	0.17
-do- Accum	191.90	206.70	-2.80	0.17
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.25	50.25†		5.29
Thailand Inc	71.83	78.57	-0.71	3.03
New Zealand Inc	103.80	111.60	-0.30	2.27
Intl Mngd PEP Inc	81.76	87.55	-0.14	0.62
Latin Am Crop Inc	85.89	92.06	+1.11	0.53
UK All Sh Idx Inc	81.23	82.55	+0.04	2.13
Broker Unit Trusts				
Way Global Blue	90.18	95.94	+0.49	
Global Portfolio	79.82	85.37†	+0.21	
Way Global Red	70.83	75.35†	+0.43	
Marsh Glocd Grth	70.03	74.26	-0.16	
A&M Brit Grth Inc	122.00	130.70	-0.20	0.82
Temple Equity Inc	53.27	57.74	+0.35	1.99
Hartley Growth	134.00	142.60	+0.40	0.30
Intl Growth Inc	87.94	94.05	+0.15	
IPS Portfolio Inc	103.30	110.50	+1.50	
Roxburgh Strat Gth	81.45	87.11	+0.09	0.16
UFC Growth	70.55	75.45	+0.12	
Chartfield Port of Fds	60.05	63.71†	-0.01	
PM UT MGRS LTD 0171 588 3963				
Equity Gth	254.40	270.60	-1.41	0.87
European Gth	155.50	164.00	+1.00	0.25
Income & Gth #	173.40	184.50	0.10	2.87
Japan Gth	103.10	109.70	1.90	
Nth Amer Gth	263.00	279.10	+3.30	0.09
Overseas Gth	140.50	149.40	+0.20	
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD Dlg. 0800 526 577 Enq 01733 470 470				
Equity	322.00	343.50†	-0.70	1.71
-do- Accum	721.40	762.46	-1.50	1.71
Growth	207.50	218.40†	-0.50	2.09
Income	304.70	323.60	3.10	3.43
Intl Equity	315.90	336.00	-0.60	0.12
-do- Accum	353.70	376.20	-0.70	0.12
Equity Income #	83.06	89.21	+0.27	4.00
Equity Growth	109.50	116.40	+0.10	1.25
New Europe	121.90	129.20	+1.00	
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT 01491 417 000				
Intl Growth Inc	[illegible]	853.25	+2.65	0.54
-do- Accum	803.90	858.56	+2.67	0.54
Income	526.80	563.30	+3.41	2.99
Wwide Recovery	[illegible]	[illegible]	+2.94	0.41
Amer Growth Inc	334.34	355.60	+1.58	0.01
-do- Accum	334.34	355.60	+1.58	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	305.60	327.15	+0.51	0.51
Far Estn Grth Inc	321.56	343.92	-3.51	0.72
-do- Accum	325.57	348.21	-3.58	0.72
Euro Grth Inc	225.70	240.80	+3.06	0.61
-do- Accum	226.49	241.64	+3.07	0.61
UK Growth Inc	134.86	144.24	+0.88	2.47
-do- Accum	148.25	158.54	+0.97	2.47
High Income	137.20	147.21	+0.86	[illegible]
Jap Gwth Inc	188.22	201.31	-2.89	0.24
-do- Accum	188.22	201.31	-2.89	0.24
PEP Bond	59.89	62.62	+0.04	6.93
PEP Growth	168.98	180.58	+0.77	0.58
Asian Sh Mkt Inc	137.70	146.74	3.04	0.13
-do- Accum	137.65	147.22	-3.05	0.13
Amer Smlr Co Inc	210.38	224.53	0.11	0.01
-do- Accum	210.38	224.53	0.11	0.01
Global Bond	54.81	57.80	+0.05	5.04
UK Smaller Cos Inc	113.63	122.00	+0.27	1.77
-do- Accum	122.11	130.60	+0.28	1.77
Lat Am Gwth Inc	43.90	46.91†	+0.47	0.25
-do- Accum	44.66	47.77	+0.48	0.25
World Inc PEP #	49.27	52.09	+0.16	4.00
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 0191 201 3127				
American	151.81	161.50†	+0.31	.
European	112.29	119.46		
Global	76.05	80.90	+0.12	
Pacific	61.40	[illegible]	-0.27	
UK Inc & Gth	89.82	95.55	+0.36	1.43
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD Enq 0171 638 0808 Dlg 01277 690 430				
Asia Acc	55.31	58.45	-0.52	
Emerg Mkts	52.15	55.33	+0.45	0.79
Euro Fund Acc	48.51	51.47	+0.20	
Fund of Funds Inc	217.47	228.06	+0.21	0.03
Fund of Funds Acc	219.31	230.14	+0.21	0.03
High Income #	57.91	60.96†	+0.29	5.74
[illegible]	53.78	57.06	+0.01	
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 01732 740 700				
Principal Tst	188.65	198.90	+1.11	2.05
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD Enquiries 0171 280 3700 Dealing 0800 282 445				
American Income	142.60	151.70	+0.20	2.58
Cons & Gilt	125.40	133.40†	+0.10	4.60
Euro Spc Sit Acc	110.30	117.90	+0.60	
Extra Income	201.30	214.80	+0.10	4.27
-do- Accum	268.10	285.20	+0.10	4.27
Far East	420.10	446.90	-5.30	0.38
-do- Accum	428.00	456.30	6.00	0.38
Global Income	31.01	32.91	+0.07	3.95
High Income	152.20	161.90	+0.20	4.38
-do- Accum	194.10	211.80	+0.20	4.38
International	241.90	257.30	0.40	0.41
-do- Accum	242.00	258.00	0.40	0.41
Pref & Fxd Int	[illegible]	51.65	+0.05	[illegible]
Recovery	96.30	102.40†	0.10	2.33

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Special Sits	158.50	168.60	-0.10	1.48
-do- Accum	178.00	189.40		1.48
Technology	730.50	777.10	-1.20	
UK Blue Chip	103.90	110.50		2.71
-do- Accum	122.40	130.20		2.71
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD UT Dealing: 0345 406000 Client Enq: 0345 835500				
Managed Tst	50.57	52.40	-0.09	1.72
Cash Haven Inc	101.22	101.71†	+0.07	5.42
Cash Haven Acc	122.15	122.75	+0.02	5.42
Dist Trust Inc	113.85	117.58	+0.01	5.18
Dist Trust Acc	132.11	138.90	+0.01	5.18
Global Growth	118.02	125.55	-0.29	1.05
Equity Inc	97.29	103.50†	-0.13	4.29
Equity	1005.24	1069.40	-0.29	2.13
European	315.81	327.08†	+0.16	0.46
High Income	99.67	108.03†	+0.04	4.81
Intl Gth	246.05	261.76	-0.84	0.69
Intl Sm Co	104.28	110.94	-0.51	0.92
Japanese	196.51	203.64	-3.89	
Mgd Income Tst #	49.42	51.10†	+0.02	7.67
Nth Amer	286.62	298.83†	+1.70	1.08
Pacific Mkts	116.76	120.99	-1.34	0.88
Premier Inc	48.38	51.29	+0.08	6.04
Sm Cos	112.08	119.23†	-0.15	1.98
Spec Sits	143.64	152.81	-0.12	2.21
UK Growth	171.31	182.24	-0.14	2.13
QUILTER FUND MANAGEMENT LTD *0171 407 5966*				
Hi Inc Inv Inc	96.20	101.16	+0.13	3.25
Investment Tust	130.47	137.19	+0.15	0.55
UK Smaller Cos	117.21	123.25	-0.22	1.39
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD 01892 510 033				
British Life	394.00	417.90	+1.20	2.53
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT Dealers: 0171 623 1000				
Five Arrows Funds				
America (Inc)	816.79	865.23	+5.86	.
America (Acc)	957.03	1013.79	+6.87	.
Amer Smlr Cos	72.61	77.30	+0.79	.
Asia	54.76	58.75	-0.51	.
European	486.45	515.91	+5.17	.
Japan	217.37	231.26	-3.29	..
Jap Smlr Cos	34.08	36.35	-0.93	
Major UK Cos	136.51	145.36†	+0.05	1.50
Smlr UK Cos	446.20	485.96	-0.33	0.93
UK Equity Inc #	203.66	217.62†	+0.59	4.07
Five Arrows Portfolio Fund				
Asia Pacific	53.39	55.75†	-0.20	..
Cash	48.04	50.03†		2.82
Emerging Mkts	55.86	58.33†	+0.15	..
Europe	71.67	74.85†	+0.30	..
Global Fixed Int #	*48.19*	*51.37†*	*+0.02*	*5.08*
Japan	40.44	42.23†	-0.20	.
North America	77.31	80.74†	+0.17	.
UK	74.28	77.57†	+0.18	0.44
UK Equity Inc #	68.86	71.91†	+0.37	3.31
UK Fixed Int #	51.51	53.79†	+0.04	6.95
Portfolio Service PEP				
Pep Gnth Port	56.87	58.93	+0.10	..
Pep Inc Port #	56.59	58.64	+0.22	2.76
RAM Personal Pension				
Deposit	93.04	97.93	+0.01	.
Gilt	110.80	118.63	+0.15	.
Managed	132.92	139.90	+0.01	.
Portfolio	54.88	57.77	-1.07	.
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD Prices: 01733 282 828 Gen Enq: 01733 390 000				
United States	147.80	156.80	+0.50	0.27
Pacific Basin	*80.99*	*86.89*	*-0.23*	*0.29*
High Inc Dist	188.00	200.30	-0.40	3.53
Ryl Life Inl Chry	67.53	71.36	+0.14	3.98
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	89.56	95.33	+0.58	0.08
Ryl Life Intl Spec	79.94	85.04	+0.54	
UK Emerging Cos	143.10	154.70†	-0.20	1.34
UK Index Trckg	229.80	244.10†	-0.42	3.26
European	202.70	216.90	+1.50	0.15
Managed	204.80	220.90	+0.10	0.88
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD 01206 784 400				
American Growth	232.90	247.30	+1.60	1.12
European Growth	167.90	178.10	+0.90	1.31
Far East Growth	[illegible]	171.10	-1.30	0.90
Japan Growth	120.90	128.50	+1.30	0.25
Special Sits	263.90	280.70	-1.30	1.42
UK Growth	120.20	127.80†	-0.60	2.31
Intl Growth	321.60	342.20	+0.90	1.57
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD 0141 307 6500				
Far East Inc	177.20	187.50	-2.20	0.31
Gtr Euro Prog Inc	487.40	515.80	.	1.03
-do- Accum	764.80	809.30		1.03
Growth Inc	171.20	181.20	-0.80	0.52
-do- Accum	176.00	186.20	-0.90	0.52
International Inc	450.80	477.00	-1.50	0.48
-do- Accum	623.80	660.10	-2.00	0.48
Nth Am & Intl Inc	458.10	484.80	+4.70	0.07
UK Gen Prog Inc	286.60	303.30	+0.70	1.75
-do- Accum	332.10	351.40	+0.80	1.75
UK High Inc Inc	170.20	180.20	-0.10	4.00
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD 0171 330 0572				
Asian Gwth	130.93	139.28	-3.51	0.75
European Gwth	112.54	119.71	+0.23	1.00
Global Bd	60.82	64.24	-0.15	5.09
Japan	52.11	55.43	-1.01	.
UK Gwth	98.32	104.59	+0.36	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP Clients: 0800 829 100 Brokerline: 0800 727 770				
Amer Smllr Cos	159.09	169.20	+1.09	
Cash	139.60	139.60		5.82
China Dragon	79.25	84.22†	-2.68	0.91
Commodity	*144.80*	*154.00*	*+0.40*	
Emerging Mkts	44.75	47.61†	+0.43	0.35
European Gwth	284.40	302.50	+0.90	0.56
Euro Smllr Cos	80.07	85.18	-0.06	0.04
Extra Income #	63.30	65.60†	-0.24	5.37
Far Eastern	101.70	108.20†	-1.40	.
FE Sml Cos	45.70	48.62†	-0.56	0.50
Financial Secs	387.80	412.60	-1.50	1.32
Gold & Exploration	79.83	84.93	-0.54	
Growth	511.80	514.40	-1.60	1.74
High Income	51.06	51.06†	+0.03	6.78
Intl Bond	158.50	167.50	-0.30	4.78
ITU	263.70	280.50	-0.20	0.80
Japan Growth	157.80	167.30	-3.20	.
Japan Smaller	153.50	162.90†	-3.30	.
Korea	40.53	43.12	+0.36	.
Latin America	52.31	55.85	+0.89	0.58
Masterfund	70.69	71.05†	-0.23	0.78
Premier Eq Grth	191.40	203.60†	-1.00	1.16
Premier Eq Inc #	414.70	441.20†	-2.20	4.35
SE Asia	47.99	51.05†	-0.76	.
Southern Africa	59.13	62.80	+0.50	1.30
UK & O'seas	229.20	243.80†	-1.00	0.84
UK Eqty Gth	95.32	101.40†	-0.60	0.99
UK Eqty Inc #	300.90	320.10	-1.70	4.06
UK Grth & Inc #	350.30	372.70	-2.80	3.06
UK Sm Cos	62.50	66.49	+0.06	1.04
US Growth	255.50	271.80	+2.50	
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD Clnt: 0800 526 535 Bdsr: 0800 526 540				
Retail Funds				
American	408.64	431.80†	+2.50	0.73
-do- Accum	453.57	479.27†	+2.77	0.73
European Gwth	107.66	114.09†	+0.50	0.44
Euro Smlr Cos	126.67	134.77†	+0.31	0.04
Far Eastern Gth	109.63	116.93	-1.89	
-do- Accum	111.74	119.19	-1.93	
Gilt & Fixed Int #	54.68	57.61	+0.21	7.17
Global Bond #	47.81	49.39	-0.26	5.83
-do- Accum #	58.38	60.31	-0.32	5.83
Global Emer Mkts	61.13	65.20	+0.06	
-do- Accum	61.19	65.26	+0.06	.
Income #	482.67	514.84	+2.60	4.56
-do- Accum #	1665.90	1776.97	+8.97	4.55
Japan Smlr Cos	341.30	364.05	-6.55	
-do- Accum	341.98	364.77	-6.57	
Japan Enterprise	65.23	69.57	-1.13	
Pacific Gwth	163.05	173.91	-2.18	0.40
-do- Accum	169.49	180.79	-2.27	0.40
Portfolio	107.27	114.19		1.60
-do- Accum	120.26	128.03	+0.01	1.60
Seoul	34.86	37.18†	+0.53	
-do- Accum	34.86	37.18†	+0.53	
Smaller Cos	354.46	379.00†	-0.12	0.88
-do- Accum	424.55	452.85†	-0.14	0.88
Strategic Inc	111.74	119.10	+0.09	2.48
Strategic Acc	113.63	121.10	+0.08	2.48
Tokyo	131.41	140.17	-2.62	
-do- Accum	132.74	141.58	-2.65	
UK Enterprise	373.07	397.94	+2.25	2.04
-do- Accum	467.44	498.60	+2.81	2.04
UK Equity	350.08	373.41	+1.77	2.27
-do- Accum	713.93	761.52	+3.60	2.27
US Smlr Cos	273.88	292.13†	+0.89	
-do- Accum	273.88	292.13†	-0.89	
Institutional Funds				
European	347.35	359.82	+0.38	1.05
-do- Accum	394.21	408.36	+1.10	1.05
Euro Smlr Cos	41.46	43.17†	+0.07	0.91
-do- Accum	45.01	46.96†	+0.08	0.91
Global Equity Inc	104.99	109.26†	-0.44	0.75
Japan Smlr Cos	32.12	33.45	0.64	0.12
-do- Accum	32.43	33.78	-0.64	0.12
Mngd Balanced	246.45	256.66	-0.08	3.58
-do- Accum	294.62	306.87	-0.09	3.58
Overseas Equity	246.47	256.73	-1.74	0.83
-do- Accum	259.59	270.40	-1.83	0.83
Oseas Smlr Cos	146.35	152.44	-0.69	0.83
-do- Accum	155.41	161.91	-0.73	0.83
Pacific	287.07	299.03†	-4.01	1.46
-do- Accum	321.60	334.95†	-4.49	1.46
Recovery	2553.55	2659.94	+3.15	2.96
-do- Accum	2841.46	2959.85	+3.51	2.96
UK Index	215.32	224.29†	+1.57	3.09
-do- Accum	283.36	295.16†	+2.07	3.09
UK Small Cos	151.32	157.22	-0.08	2.43
-do- Accum	169.55	176.61	-0.08	2.43
US Smlr Cos	73.82	76.89†	+0.29	0.74
-do- Accum	75.95	79.11†	+0.30	0.74
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD 0141 204 2200				
Equity Income	70.00	74.02	-0.19	2.35
Equity Trust	89.48	94.63	-0.31	2.50
Equity Strategy	100.03	105.73	+0.60	1.09
European Opps	124.21	131.35		
UK Smaller Cos	85.83	90.77	+0.13	1.06
Maximum Inc	96.83	102.43	+0.01	6.52
Japanese	72.88	77.07	-0.29	
Asia Pacific	122.71	129.77	-1.27	0.50
American	163.42	172.82	+1.05	
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD 0800 454 422				
Cash	34.32	34.32		5.35
UK Eq Gwth Inc	71.26	75.99	-0.01	3.00
-do- Accum	96.71	103.12	-0.01	3.00
Intl Income	334.75	356.11	+0.06	1.42
-do- Accum	594.81	632.77	+0.10	1.42
European	122.11	129.55	+0.35	1.35
Japan	61.11	64.74	-0.54	0.13
American	119.22	125.87	+0.65	1.17
Far East Tact	88.76	94.68	-1.29	1.38
Ethical Inc	45.69	46.75	+0.16	1.56
UK Blue Chip Inc	45.12	49.27	+0.10	3.38
UK Equity Inc	46.54	49.96†	-0.02	4.17
UK Global Inc	54.41	58.02	-0.06	1.86
Wwide Tact	95.02	101.75	+0.01	1.01
Europe Tactical	94.46	99.97†	+0.32	0.98
Technology	172.66	183.41	+0.08	0.21
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 0131 225 2211				
UK Equity	570.20	607.90	0.40	2.62
American	402.80	426.80	-1.70	0.20
Pacific	415.10	[illegible]	-6.50	0.11
European	779.50	833.70	-1.40	0.58
Worldwide	111.70	119.50	-0.10	0.27
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD 0141 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	377.20	401.30	-0.16	2.05
-do- Accum	505.50	537.80	0.10	2.05
UK Sm Co Eq Inc	298.50	317.60	-0.30	1.37
-do- Accum	371.40	395.20	-0.30	1.37
Select Equity Inc	97.24	104.00	-0.09	1.65
Income Plus Inc	96.06	102.23	-0.10	2.80
European Inc	521.50	556.20	+3.40	0.11
-do- Accum	603.30	647.20	+3.40	0.11
Far Eastern Inc	190.30	194.66	-3.50	0.94
-do- Accum	212.00	225.60	4.10	0.94
Japanese Inc	58.41	62.14	-0.66	
Nth American Inc	395.45	419.50	+2.50	0.35
-do- Accum	438.00	465.10	+2.80	0.35
Intl Growth Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	-3.30	[illegible]
Wwide [illegible] Inc	108.20	115.30	0.10	0.44
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT 0131 655 3724				
Equity Inc	504.60	542.90	+1.20	2.28
-do- Accum	780.70	828.30	+1.40	2.28
UK High Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
-do- Accum	385.10	408.80	-1.50	2.32
Europe Inc	554.90	586.20	-1.60	0.46
Nth Amer Inc	370.60	391.50	+1.60	.
Global Inc	289.70	306.10	-1.10	0.44
Global Acc	313.50	331.20	-1.20	0.44
UK Spec Sits Inc	149.70	158.20	-0.20	1.79
South East Asia	221.50	234.00	-1.80	0.07
Cash Trust Inc	100.10	100.10	..	5.70
UK Smlr Cos Inc	128.40	135.60	..	1.71
-do- Accum	135.90	143.50	...	1.71
Intl Bond Inc	90.17	94.74	+0.10	4.84
International Strat	88.72	93.95	+0.20	..
SHARP (ALBERT E) Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
European	186.60	196.40	+0.60	0.39
Nth American	161.70	170.20	+1.60	..
Intl Bond & Conv	129.60	138.60†		6.87
Pooled Pension	265.50	265.50†	...	1.90
Smaller Cos	123.10	129.60†	..	0.88
UK General #	188.60	198.50†	+0.30	2.29
Far Eastern	91.53	96.35	-0.94	0.19
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 0171 626 6226				
Continental	105.30	111.00	+0.30	0.85
Global Gwth	89.19	94.35	-0.38	1.07
Inv Tst Port	62.95	66.96	-0.13	2.29
Managed	1477.51	1548.55	..	1.50
Pref Inc #	109.70	116.70	+0.60	5.80
Smaller Cos	293.40	312.10	-0.60	0.80
Ireland SIB Recognised				
UK Equity Inc ‡	107.50	..	+0.37	4.59
Sterling Reserve ‡	101.11	...	+0.01	5.25
Corporate Inc ‡	102.28	...	+0.31	5.25
Tai Pan ‡	117.31	.	-1.71	...
Aztec ‡	85.94	..	+1.01	
Amer Gth Fund ‡	154.59	...	-0.26	
European ‡	198.46		+1.29	
Global Bond ‡	88.37		+0.85	7.01
Samurai ‡	56.89		-0.79	
UK Growth ‡	118.99	...	+0.03	2.60
UK Emerg Leaders ‡	104.49		-0.19	3.08
Investment Trust ‡	122.67	..	+0.42	2.26
The Football Fd ‡	89.73	..	-0.55	...
Reserve Roll Up ‡	98.34			...
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS 0171 637 5377				
American	487.00	515.30	+1.30	..
Capital	163.60	173.10	-0.20	1.21
Cash	101.08	101.08	+0.01	5.76
European	189.40	200.20†	+1.40	0.30
Far Eastern	171.10	181.00	-0.40	
Growth	188.60	199.60	-0.90	1.27
Income #	152.00	160.80	-0.10	4.96
Magnum	171.80	181.70	-0.40	1.55
Smlr Secs	634.60	671.50	+0.90	0.04
Thoroughbred	200.60	212.50	-0.40	1.33
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD 01202 435000				
Cntrld Prfmnce	59.61	63.93	..	7.00
Ethical	88.32	94.45	-0.32	0.85
European Growth	94.40	100.10†	+0.35	...
Income	68.08	71.74	+0.09	3.22
Intl Growth	123.20	130.50†	-0.20	0.05
Managed	105.50	111.80	+0.20	0.33
UK Growth	86.11	92.09	-0.41	1.28
STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS 0800 39 33 53				
Standard Life Fund Mngmt Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	52.12	52.39	.	[illegible]
Global Advtg Acc	56.98	57.27	.	[illegible]
Income Advtg Inc	40.46	40.67†	.	3.87
Income Advtg Acc	48.57	48.82	-0.10	3.87
UK Equity Gth Acc	115.90	122.90	-0.10	1.43
Premier Inc Inc	51.00	52.02†		7.01
Premier Inc Acc	57.02	58.18	..	7.01
Managed Acc	71.64	75.94	..	1.13
UK Eq Hi Inc Inc	47.12	49.95	..	4.05
UK Eq Hi Inc Acc	63.86	67.70	..	4.05
UK Smlr Cos Acc	49.88	52.88		0.45
Standard Life Tst Mngmt Ltd				
UK Equity Gen Acc	92.41	98.19	-0.20	1.61
UK Equity Gen Inc	65.66	69.77	-0.10	1.61
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	32.86	34.78	...	6.36
Oseas Eqy Gn Acc	403.90	438.30	+2.70	1.63
Nth American Acc	68.08	72.34	+0.40	0.01
Pacific Basin	46.09	48.98	-0.20	0.36
European Acc	67.49	71.71	+0.40	0.32
Japan Acc	26.84	28.52	+0.30	0.58
STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD 0171 344 7000				
Global A (NZ$)	5.091	5.408	..	1.71
US Eqts (US$)	4.183	4.433	..	0.05
Far East Eqts (yen)	273.87	290.80	..	
FT Europe	178.40	189.50		1.04
FT N Amer (US$)	3.224	3.426	.	.
FT Japan (yen)	198.40	209.50		
FT Asia ExJap (US$)	3.094	3.286	.	0.97
STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0131 226 3271				
American	556.80	589.10	+3.70	
British #	1415.80	1497.90	-3.80	2.54
Emgting Mkts	197.80	210.60	+0.80	0.42
Euro Small Co	66.68	70.99	+0.10	0.58
Japan	122.90	130.40	-2.30	..
New Pacific	447.60	476.70	-6.40	1.15
-do- Accum	486.10	517.70	-6.90	[illegible]
Inv Trust Acc	329.00	348.80	+0.20	[illegible]
Mngd Equity	223.89	236.80	-0.20	1.91
Mngd Cash	96.23	96.23	+0.01	5.75
SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 389				
Equity	1258.00	1345.00	-2.00	1.63
North America	218.30	232.80	+0.80	.
Far East	163.70	174.50	-3.00	
Wwide Bond	56.16	59.59	-0.10	5.64
European	173.90	185.90	+0.80	0.17
Equity Income #	126.90	135.70†	-0.10	4.36
Portfolio	127.80	138.60	-0.90	
UK Leading Cos	*95.52*	*101.80†*	*-0.20*	*2.02*
High Inc Bond	51.03	51.11†	+0.04	6.24
Broker Trusts				
Intnl Equity	83.05	88.82	+0.10	
SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD 0800 525 725				
Amares UT	24.38	25.94	-0.58	0.56
Corp Bd Gilt Inc	100.96	107.41	-0.02	6.61
Corp Bd & Gilt Acc	108.57	115.51	-0.03	6.61
European	60.57	64.44	+0.07	0.56
High Income	39.04	41.54	-0.01	3.44
Japan	35.01	37.25	-0.73	0.01
Managed Assets	161.90	173.16	-0.15	2.47
North American	54.86	58.37	+0.37	0.07
Smr Co's Inc	38.49	40.95†	-0.03	2.10
Smlr Co's Acc	42.64	45.37	-0.03	2.10
UK Growth Inc	74.57	79.34	+0.03	2.07
UK Growth Acc	85.20	90.64	+0.03	2.07
UK Income	50.82	54.36†	-0.04	2.86
Worldwide Gth	46.95	50.22	-0.20	0.19
SLC Pensions Funds				
Asian & Oceanic Ex	33.13	34.76†	-0.68	1.45
European Exempt	117.37	121.80	+0.05	1.24
Japan Exempt	30.09	31.03	-0.58	0.06
US Exmpt	111.49	114.94	+0.63	1.08
SUN LIFE TRUST MGMT LTD Admin & Enq: 0171 606 4044 Dlg: 0171 606 6010				
Discretionary	62.51	66.61	+0.11	.
Cap Protectn Inc	56.89	60.52	+0.29	2.06
UK Income Inc	71.53	76.10	+0.12	2.48
Mngd Exes Inc Inc #	37.68	39.87	+0.03	6.53
Mngd High Yld Inc	102.58	109.13†	-0.19	3.48
Mngd Inc/Gth Inc	100.61	107.03†	+0.50	2.70
UK Smaller Cos	43.27	46.03	-0.02	0.21
Pacific Grth Ptd	52.72	56.09	-1.24	0.17
TSB UNIT TRUSTS 01264 346 794				
American	354.08	374.69	+3.63	
-do- Accum	390.00	412.70	+4.22	.
Brit Growth	141.52	149.76	+0.01	1.32
-do- Accum	178.31	188.69	+0.01	1.32
European	148.30	156.93	+0.48	
-do- Accum	158.40	167.62	+0.51	
Extra Income #	241.10	255.13	+0.54	4.30
-do- Accum #	*450.49*	*476.71*	*+1.02*	*4.30*
Smaller Cos	95.16	100.72	-0.24	0.78
-do- Accum	109.40	115.76	-0.27	0.78
General	412.62	436.63	+0.17	1.56
-do- Accum	889.37	941.13	+0.36	1.56
Premier Income	53.12	56.33	+0.04	6.28
-do- Accum	137.81	143.55	+0.11	6.28
Income #	435.41	460.75†	+1.09	3.31
-do- Accum #	1040.44	1100.98†	+2.60	3.31
Pacific	395.11	418.11†	-6.05	0.18
-do- Accum	415.16	439.33†	-6.36	0.18
International	704.09	745.07†	-0.58	0.10
-do- Accum	930.40	984.55†	-0.67	0.10
Nat Resources	170.54	180.46	-0.68	0.35
Gold Opps	147.21	155.78	+0.16	1.00
-do- Accum	194.79	206.13	+0.21	1.00
Environmental Inv	95.37	100.92	-0.28	0.70
Selector	84.15	89.05†		1.33
-do- Accum	98.85	104.60†		1.33
High Income #	79.44	84.05	+0.17	4.23
-do- Accum #	110.23	116.64	+0.23	4.23
Intl Income	63.26	66.94	+0.13	4.45
-do- Accum	85.96	90.36	+0.17	4.45
Selector Income	73.25	77.51†	+0.14	4.05
-do- Accum	94.75	100.28†	+0.17	4.05
TU FUND MANAGERS LIMITED 0181 667 1018				
British	477.29	502.40	+0.23	2.31
European	80.60	84.87†	-0.47	1.32
TEMPLETON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0131 469 4000				
Glob Growth Inc	266.86	282.39	+0.86	2.49
Glob Balncd Inc	216.67	229.28	-0.67	3.39
Value Tst Inc	164.04	173.58†	+1.62	2.42
THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD *0171 600 0033*				
Capital	101.20	107.70	+0.60	0.49
International	79.38	83.38		
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD 0171 246 3000 Dealing: 0171 246 3001				
Dresdner Eur Bd	40.04	41.63	-0.08	8.39
European Growth	402.25	421.20	+1.01	0.60
Exempt	772.05	806.60	+0.08	2.98
Global Em Mkts	96.99	101.55	+0.32	0.59
Japan Fd	80.86	84.67†	-1.13	
Little Dragons	122.03	127.77†	-5.48	
Nth Amer Grth	359.19	376.11	+2.39	0.40
Oriental Income #	50.50	52.87	-0.97	3.50
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The battle of Bloomsday

A new 'reader's edition' of *Ulysses* has caused a scholarly row and angered James Joyce's grandson. **Nicolette Jones** reports

It seems a brilliant and unobjectionable idea: a new, reader-friendly edition of James Joyce's *Ulysses* — a "people's *Ulysses*" — that rectifies thousands of mistakes for the first time, and also adds a wheelbarrow's-worth of clarifying punctuation. Surely the book's many devotees around the world, who on Monday will be celebrating the 75th annual "Bloomsday" in various exotic ways, could only be delighted.

Not entirely, it seems. In some quarters Danis Rose's new Picador edition has been greeted with dismay. The *London Review of Books*, for instance, concludes a scathing review by asserting that "his edition, if it can be called that, is a chastening example of how an excess of piety can turn into self-aggrandising fantasy".

Nobody has ever published an edition of *Ulysses* — Joyce's epic chronicle of a single day in the Dublin life of Leopold Bloom — that is free of mistakes. This is largely because the first typesetters in Paris in 1922 were working in a foreign language, and because every subsequent attempt to remove misprints simultaneously added more. And also because the book is so dense with wordplay that it is hard to tell if an obscurity is intended or not.

Rose, however, believes that Joyce always strove to be clear and accurate. Errors that have delighted academics with their opportunities for chasing reverberations were sometimes not only unintended but also against the book's spirit. "Joyce was the most careful of authors," Rose says. "He went to infinite pains to clarify, to make things accurate and transparent. He didn't want fuzziness or imprecision in his own use of language." Rose has therefore edited *Ulysses* to read clearly, backing up each alteration with comparison of all available versions, but always choosing the "commonsense" option.

"This edition is an attempt to make *Ulysses* make sense from start to finish," says Rose. He has, he says, corrected flaws as any copy-editor might, that "would impede readers, and make them search for subtleties that weren't intended. This frees them to search for subtleties that do exist."

Out of 250,000 words in the book, he estimates that he has made between 8,000 and 10,000 changes. His edition is published with the subtitle "A Reader's Edition" to emphasise his assertion that he has sought simplicity over scholarly obfuscation. He wants a book that has become too much the preserve of academics to find a large readership again, and to be recognised as fun rather than difficult.

> ‘This edition is an attempt to make *Ulysses* make sense’

What's more, for the first time the Irish will have a chance to find out what good crack it is from their own edition. Picador is publishing Rose's text in conjunction with Lilliput Press in Dublin. *Ulysses*, after all its voyages, has come home.

So why isn't everyone raising a glass of Guinness? First, the Joyce estate — in the person of Joyce's grandson Stephen Joyce — is not happy. Letters have been sent by lawyers expressing concern about Rose's alterations, especially in the light of Picador's advertising, which describes the edition — worryingly to them — as "bold, brilliant, controversial". The estate doesn't want the text unduly tampered with. This is despite the fact that Stephen Joyce himself has a reputation in the Joyce community for regarding his grandfather as simple, accessible and enjoyable, and for being opposed to what he considers are self-serving kinds of scholarship.

Rose, who is not an academic but an Irishman who has loved and lived with Joyce for a lifetime, working on Joyce texts since 1977, might be expected to be a friend of the estate. In fact he has a history of legal conflict with it. Two projects of his have been barred: a critical edition of *Finnegans Wake*, and a novel by Joyce he calls *Finn's Hotel* and claims was written between *Ulysses* and *Finnegans Wake* (the estate argues that it was merely work-in-progress for *Wake*).

Nor is Rose a stranger to academic conflict. He had a hand in a 1984 edition of *Ulysses* by Hans Walter Gabler, acclaimed by many but denounced by an academic, John Kidd, who accused Gabler of sins ranging from misunderstanding Joyce's compositional process to copyright machinations.

Rose says he has made use of some findings of Gabler's edition while avoiding its pitfalls. The estate originally sanctioned that edition, but authority then lay with Stephen Joyce's Aunt Lucia, who has since died. Stephen later sided against it.

This time, though, it may not matter what Stephen thinks. Copyright law has seen to that. On January 1, 1992, Joyce came out of copyright, 50 years after his death, so anyone could publish him without the estate's approval and without paying royalties. Three years later, however, British law came into line with an EU directive that extended copyright to 70 years after an author's death. Joyce is thus back in copyright. But to avoid injustice the new law specifies that work that was on its way to publication between the expiry and reinstatement of copyright could go ahead. Rose's work was contracted and largely carried out during this time.

The interregnum may give Rose further freedoms. "I have counsel's advice," he says, "that I could now bring out my edition of *Finnegans Wake* for the same reason." He believes, moreover, that his current circumstances set an important precedent, since there can be objecting descendants in any academic sphere, and their powers of censorship are destructive.

"The estate is trying to stop the legitimate publication of a book. You have to say no to that as firmly as possible. I don't think estates should have the right to prevent genuine scholarship, even to withhold documents, as they often do. Scholarship is openness. If Stephen Joyce wins, this puts an end to research across the board."

Meanwhile, the Joyce scholars are starting to pass judgment on Rose. Some will undoubtedly side with the *London Review of Books* and castigate him for making so many changes on "instinct". By the year 2000, when the International Joyce Foundation (which usually convenes in Dublin or Paris) meets for the first time in London, the dispute could have grown to schismatic dimensions. But it will be a further 12 years before anyone else can make free with the text without Stephen Joyce's blessing.

● Ulysses, *edited by Danis Rose, is published by Picador (£20) next week*

Freak feelings on show

An actor of considerable distinction once told me at a BBC party that the reason summer radio was not as filled with drama repeats as summer television was that the pay in radio is so paltry. He reckoned that it cost the BBC little more to put out a new drama than it paid in residuals to put out an old one.

The remark was both affectionate and disingenuous, for even on the wireless new drama is expensive. Nevertheless, there have been several good, and newly-minted dramas this week, the pick of them being part one of **The Man in the Elephant Mask** (Radio 4, Monday). The concluding part is next Monday. My only complaint about this production was that it was transmitted in the afternoon and on FM only.

The story of John Merrick, the so-called Elephant Man, is familiar. There has been a television version and a film, directed by David Lynch. But this radio version is by far the most engaging, partly because it delves much more into Merrick's childhood.

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There is a less comfortable reason for preferring this new radio adaptation. Merrick's disfigurement is seen as a huge challenge to make-up artists, with the result that the face becomes irresistibly horrific. However much one tries to absorb the story, the image is all-consuming.

I had not realised how much this could detract from the real story of Merrick's tragic life. But with the visual image removed, the focus switches to what happened to Merrick rather than how he looked.

The performances are outstanding, especially Roger Allam as Merrick and Tim Pigott-Smith as Frederick Treves, the surgeon who rescues Merrick from the freak shows (featured in part two of the story). But in drama everything depends on the writing, and here is where *The Man in the Elephant Mask* scores heavily.

Peter Wolf wrote the play and, as a long-time sufferer from ME, he comes at the subject from an interesting perspective. He has some of the same symptoms as Merrick, including bone distortion. This sense of fellow feeling comes across strongly. But the thing that also distinguishes Wolf's script from others, particularly the film version, is that Wolf portrays Treves as an exploiter of Merrick. Treves uses him for experimentation — and indeed for showing off to the upper ranks of society — as surely as others had used him in freak shows.

Which leaves less than the desirable amount of space to mention **Fatherland**, Robert Harris's detective story, set around the consequences of Hitler having won the war (Radio 4, Monday). A huge novel condensed to two hours of radio is a risky project, but John Dryden, who wrote and directed, has pulled it off.

PETER BARNARD

CONCERTS: Two pianists in London poles apart; plus three fine orchestral pieces in Wales

Opposite ends of the keyboard

INITIAL capitals apart, there is little in common between the pianists Pogorelich, Pletnev and Perahia. **Murray Perahia**, giving a solo recital on Wednesday night at the Festival Hall, was his usual calm, restrained, unaffected self; **Ivo Pogorelich**, on the other hand, playing the Tchaikovsky First Concerto on Tuesday night, is big-boned, rhetorical, wilful, self-indulgent. **Mikhail Pletnev** (here on the podium) and Pogorelich apparently enjoy working together, but their approach to music-making is poles apart.

Pogorelich's account of the Tchaikovsky was the most extraordinary I have ever heard. His thunderous left hand crashed down the keyboard, the right making a fist in order to maximise the volume — not a pleasant sound. Elsewhere, in "poetic" mode, he rhapsodised in a world of his own, oblivious to the players around him or to the structure of the work. Familiar phrases came out so distorted that they were no longer recognisable. This is one way of dealing with hackneyed warhorses, but it does the music few favours.

Tchaikovsky's music is more cohesive than he is often given credit for. But it can scarcely withstand such manipulation: pull the fabric too loose and it begins to unravel. At such moments Pogorelich's playing becomes a caricature of the original. The tragedy is that he is also capable of the most beautiful and sensitive things. Having pounded heavy-handedly down the keyboard in double octaves, he suddenly ripples up it again with a touch of featherweight delicacy.

Pletnev, for his part, could do little to restrain or counter these excesses. But in Sibelius's Second Symphony he showed far more effectively than two nights previously in the same hall what he was capable of. In that earlier concert, his Brahms had seemed under-characterised to the point of facelessness.

Ivo Pogorelich: tinkering with Tchaikovsky

His Sibelius, however, had all the inner tension and strength of a great performance. Well-balanced textures, perfectly controlled transitions, magnificent climaxes to which the Philharmonia responded with committed playing: this was remarkable music-making.

Perahia's recital offered an interesting programme that largely avoided warhorses. In addition to a Handel Suite (No 3 in D Minor) — a welcome change from the statutory Bach — he gave Schumann's Sonata No 1 in F Sharp Minor and Mendelssohn's Fantasia in the same key, proving a persuasive advocate of both. But it was a group of Mendelssohn's *Songs Without Words* that really gave Perahia the opportunity to produce a range of colours that brought each lyrical effusion vividly to life.

Chopin has long been one of Perahia's particular strengths, and after bringing his supremely delicate touch to bear on a serene account of the Berceuse in D Flat, he ended with a dazzling performance of the Scherzo No 1 in B Minor, displaying the kind of all-round mastery that has earned him the reputation of the complete pianist.

BARRY MILLINGTON

Three of the best

BBC NOW/ Wigglesworth
Cardiff

ANY one of the three pieces introduced by Mark Wigglesworth and the BBC National Orchestra of Wales in their latest "Now Hear This" concert in Cardiff would have made the enterprise worth while. Inevitably, every member of the audience in St David's Hall would have had a favourite — the conservatives opting for John Pickard's Third Symphony, the progressives for Unsuk Chin's Piano Concerto, the moderates for David Sawer's *The Greatest Happiness Principle* — but they would also have acknowledged that each was good of its kind.

The order in which the three pieces were performed was determined, presumably, by the amount of scene-shifting they required. Unsuk Chin's score, for example, has a layout entirely its own and an array of percussion instruments so extensive that it takes ages to put them in place and the length of an interval to clear them away. So the Piano Concerto occupied the whole of the first half, the fleeting sonorities of its first movement taking the ear by surprise.

Elusiveness is, however, an essential element in a work which derives its poetry partly from the oriental background of the composer — she was born in Korea in 1961 — and partly from her experience in Western electronic studios.

The work is not entirely separate from the concerto tradition: Bartók is a significant influence, most clearly in both the construction and the sounds of the second of the four movements. But in rejecting the high-profile solo part of the traditional concerto and integrating the piano so discreetly with the orchestra, making it part of that exotic percussion section for much of the time, Chin has created something intriguingly different. If she also created ensemble problems for the soloist and the conductor, Rolf Hind and Wigglesworth were evidently not too troubled by them in their exceptionally well organised and beautifully coloured first performance.

For those who preferred something less elusive and more obviously substantial, there was the heavyweight Third Symphony of John Pickard, whose symphonic ethos owes nothing to anyone later than Sibelius, it seems, and who is clearly proud to recall that composer at the climactic point of his four-movement epic of conflict and reconciliation.

The greatest happiness for the greatest number of people, however, might well have been provided by David Sawer's *The Greatest Happiness Principle*. Looking to Jeremy Bentham for inspiration, Sawer found it in his panoptic prison, the circular construction of which is reflected in a brilliantly witty cycle of short, interconnected sections of lyricism and aggression ending in a kind of orchestral riot. Sounding quite Brittenish in places, it is no less original in conception for that — as the BBC Prom audience can confirm later in the summer.

GERALD LARNER

Martyrs superior

OPERA

Poliuto
Queen Elizabeth Hall

DONIZETTI'S bicentenary is drifting past with scarcely a glimmer of recognition from the major opera companies. It has been left to the Chelsea Opera Group, constant champion of 19th-century causes, to light a new candle in his honour in the shape of a concert version of *Poliuto*.

This is middle-period Donizetti. It enjoyed a brief vogue 50 years ago with tenors such as Gigli, Lauri-Volpi and Franco Corelli in the title role. Poliuto, a Roman magistrate in occupied Armenia, turns Christian and pays the penalty by being thrown to the lions. His wife joins him and Donizetti thumps out one of his most stirring duets as the pair stride off hand in hand to meet their fate.

The COG must have thought it was their turn for the lions' den when the advertised tenor withdrew on grounds of ill health three days before the performance. Terence Robertson, who has been singing some heavyweight roles around Europe, was persuaded to take his place. Robertson put on a brave and adventurous show. There was no time for refinements or careful phrasing, but his voice has a clear, brazen ring and that is number one requirement for Poliuto.

Any tenor engaged was likely to be outshone by Penelope Walmsley-Clark as his wife, Paolina. Her Verdi with Scottish Opera has been justly admired and her Donizetti has equal quality. Here is a true dramatic soprano coupled with all the brilliance needed to cope with Donizetti's dazzling vocal runs.

COG was less successful elsewhere. Roberto Salvatori was disappointingly unsteady as Severo, Paolina's former lover who tries to keep the Christian tide at bay. Henry Waddington as the obligatory High Priest showed a warm bass, but was a lightweight.

The young Australian conductor, Brad Cohen, drew some passionate playing from his orchestra. The chorus was less impressive: plenty of gusto, but muddy sound and poor articulation.

JOHN HIGGINS

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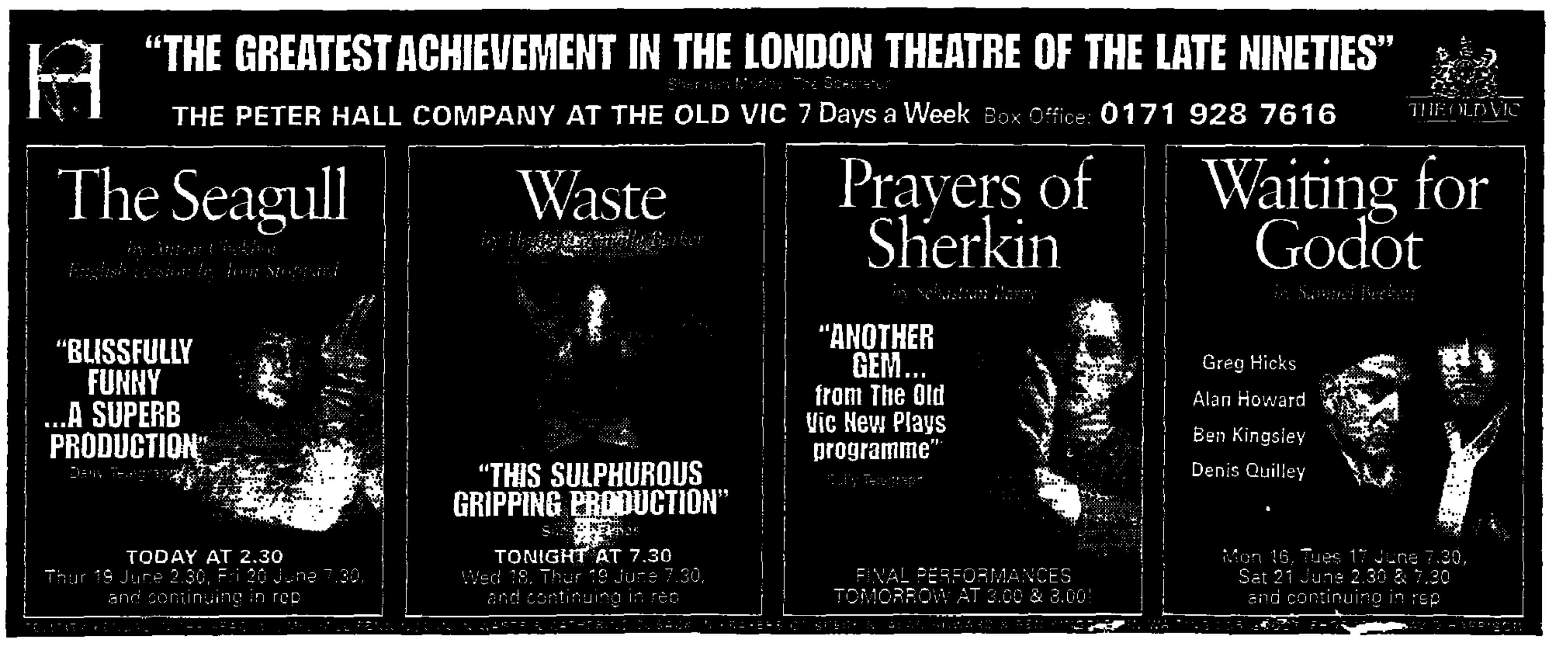
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Feminine touch: the rise of soul group En Vogue shows that girl power need not be aggressive

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. . . and at the same venue the fast-rising Ben Harper displays his scintillating guitar virtuosity

En Vogue does not mean fashionable

Paul Sexton meets the trio that found success by the old-fashioned route — via talent, hard work, charm, that sort of stuff

A certain spicy flavouring in 1997 musical culture has made us think twice about our female stars. Since the triumph of Girl Power, we're encouraged to think, you look at Skin of Skunk Anansie the wrong way and you go home in an ambulance. Tell Louise from Sleeper you really like her image and you too can be the lucky winner of a knuckle sandwich.

Nor did it cut much mustard the other night when Boyzone good-naturedly told an audience of ten-year-old girls at Wembley Arena that the fellas were fighting back, that they were the champions of "bloke power". Fat chance. Scary, Posh and the others — even Baby — would eat them for breakfast.

So it may have been like putting one's head in the lioness's mouth at mealtime to bound up to En Vogue's London hotel room and pay them the attempted compliment of being true music industry pioneers of Girl Power. We are, after all, talking about the funky divas who have yanked themselves up from nought to ten million record sales with some of the most uncompromised chart soul in history. Women who, in the video for their current single, *Whatever*, once again look as if they won't take no mess from no man.

But the lioness is not hungry. In fact, if one was willing to risk facial rearrangement, one would extend the metaphor and say that she rolls over to have her tummy tickled. "Girl power?" says Maxine Jones, apparently unaware of the phrase. "That's their motto now?" she asks, but proceeds to shower the Spice Girls with praise for their energy and their American TV performance on *Saturday Night Live*.

Therein lies the pleasant surprise of En Vogue: however hard-hearted and steely-eyed the modern music career woman is supposed to be, their success shows that femininity and professionalism do not have to be listed as either/or. Their dogged determination to emerge from the ranks of anonymous backing vocalists of the late 1980s and succeed on their own terms has led them to *EV3*, a new album rich in streetwise yet undeniably romantic and tender soul songs (reviewed by David Sinclair opposite).

Earlier this year the group enjoyed a huge international hit with *Don't Let Go (Love)*, which spent four months in the singles chart here and has clocked an extraordinary 36 weeks on *Billboard* magazine's airplay chart in America. But in an era of explicit lyrics and barefaced raunch, they are steering R&B sentiment back to something as improbably old-fashioned as marriage. "I live in misery when you're not around," they sing. "I won't be satisfied 'til we're taking those vows."

"There's more substance in songs like that," says Terry Ellis, "as opposed to very explicit lyrics and lifestyle. After a while it starts to wear thin." Jones adds: "You need your imagination to do the rest of the work."

Wasn't that where Madonna took a wrong turn, around the time of her book, *Sex*, by rendering our imagination redundant? That may be, but you won't hear it from En Vogue's lips. "Gosh, I think she's brilliant," says Jones, as I note that "gosh" is another word I didn't know was in the R&B diva phrasebook. "She's so major, she could do anything," Ellis says.

> ‘We just went out to be the best we could be’

En Vogue now stand as brand leaders in an extremely crowded field of female soul groups, their clever combination of substance and sass giving them a comfortable lead over such gifted pretenders as Brownstone, SWV and Jade. A foursome until the recent departure of Dawn Robinson, their voices first wafted from vinyl under the name Vogue on *FM2*, a 1989 album by Thomas McElroy and Denzil Foster. That duo had previously overseen hits by Timex Social Club, Tony! Toni! Toné! and others and are responsible for much of the production polish of all three En Vogue albums.

Taking a formal bow in 1990 with the album *Born To Sing*, En Vogue immediately peeled off three straight R&B chart toppers in America. Then, as now, the competition was fierce. "There were so many other girl groups out there," says Cindy Herron. "A bunch of groups we were idolising at the time — Expose, Sweet Sensation, Seduction, Body, Lace, Madame X, the Pointer Sisters — were still going strong . . ."

I point out the obvious link between those groups, some of whom were indeed hot tickets at the time: not one of them remains a force today. "That's interesting," says Ellis thoughtfully. "I never really looked at it that way. We were just going out to be the best we could be."

Such undivided concentration to their own cause eventually helped the group to crack the code of extended British success. *Hold On* had been a substantial hit here in 1990, but it was two years before we really tuned to their frequency with *My Lovin' (You're Never Gonna Get It)*, which remains one of the most compulsive feel-good R&B singles of the decade.

The song came from the multi-platinum *Funky Divas* album, which En Vogue supported with a live Hammersmith Odeon concert of expansive production values, a marvellous old-fashioned spectacle of a show that even the Motown and Stax revues of soul's golden days could only have looked up to.

But the industry sharks that patrolled the waters of the girl groups that preceded En Vogue helped them to know how *not* to approach the contemporary music world. "In the 1970s and 1980s," Herron says, "there were groups like the Emotions and the Jones Girls, and they didn't really work. But without the struggle they had, we wouldn't know how to find the solution to it. They paved the way for us, but we're still struggling. This is a male-dominated business."

Spice Girls may come and Girl Power may go, but En Vogue could well be here for the duration

CONCERTS: Haunting gothic country sounds; the new Dylan/Marley/Hendrix sits down; and an impressive American renaissance

Wrung by a Southern belle

Tarnation
Dublin

The record company 4AD has an uncanny knack of discovering the most precious of stones on the vast seabed of unsigned bands, and these days the San Francisco-based Tarnation, who recently released their second album on 4AD, *Mirador*, are one of the company's most treasured possessions.

The word is spreading fast: Nick Cave invited Paula Frazer's gothic country troupe to support him on his current tour, which included two nights at the Albert Hall. Tarnation then slotted what dates they could into their own itinerary, which concentrated on smaller, smokier venues.

Few venues could have suited Tarnation more than Whelan's, a sepia-tinged bar whose understated charm and unaffected intimacy provided the perfect platform for the band to display those very qualities to a partisan crowd last Friday night.

Sparse lighting — dark blue and yellow, with a blood red bulb aglow inside the front of the drumkit — set the mood for the richly desolate, sublimely haunted music.

Frazer sings like a fallen angel trying to regain contact with the heavens, and on the unnervingly evocative ghost stories *Like A Ghost* and *The Well*, where she yodels for her supper, she succeeds.

A serene Southern belle from Sautee Nacooche, Georgia, Frazer is the daughter of a preacherman, and the gospel music with which she grew up has instilled her current artistic vision — imagine Patsy Cline crooning over an Ennio Morricone spaghetti western soundtrack — with a strong sense of spirituality.

Tremolo-happy guitarist Alex Oropeza twangs his instrument with the sleight of hand and studied cool of a gunfighter at the OK Corral, but the only blood shed in a Tarnation song comes from a broken heart. *There's Someone* and *Destiny*, for example, are gut-wrenching paeans to lost love, while titles such as *Game of Broken Hearts* and *An Awful Shade of Blue* speak for themselves.

The group's magic circle is completed by the brooding bass of Dubliner Jamie Meagan and the soft, jazz-like drumming of Joe Byrnes. But it is Frazer's sad-eyed songs and astonishing falsetto that deservedly take centre stage.

NICK KELLY

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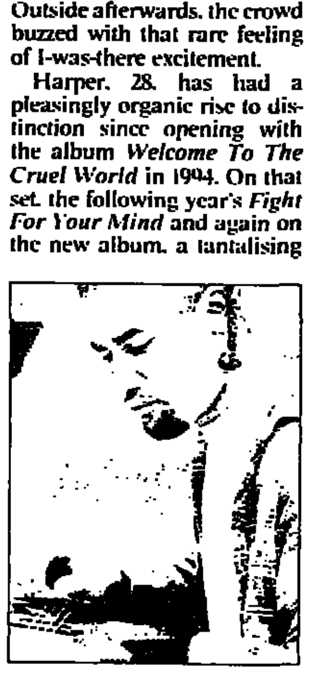
Guitar wizard's magic evening

Ben Harper
Empire, W12

Some observers are calling him the new Jimi Hendrix, while his new album *The Will To Live* was garlanded as the reggae record of the week. So this sold-out London performance seemed an apposite opportunity for the real Ben Harper to stand up.

Instead, he spent most of the night sitting down, working with his extraordinary lap slide guitar, and still delivered a performance so stirring that he was moved to give a small speech when it was done. Outside afterwards, the crowd buzzed with that rare feeling of I-was-there excitement.

Harper, 28, has had a pleasingly organic rise to distinction since opening with the album *Welcome To The Cruel World* in 1994. On that set, the following year's *Fight For Your Mind* and again on the new album, a tantalising cross-breed of influences is on display: one part protest singer; another dustbowl blues descendant; and a touch of Jah disciple. The result reads like a tale of two Bobs, Dylan and Marley, with a cleverly inserted chapter on Son House.



Harper: a touch of the two Bobs, Marley and Dylan

The evening already carried an emotional charge for Harper and his band, the Innocent Criminals, whose absent bassist Juan Nelson had just tested negative on a cancer scare. Replacement David Sutton was a safe pair of hands alongside drummer Dean Butterworth and percussionist David Leech.

But it is Harper's own instrumentation that changes his live show up a gear. He plays the Weissenborn, a hollow-neck lap slide guitar with which, seated and studious, he has the most eloquent conversation. Wide-eyed at the warmth of his welcome, he opened with *Breakin' Down* and followed with *Burn One Down*, sounding and looking like a young Marley.

On *Gold To Me* and a succession of others, Harper sat dispensing guitar sorcery like he was on a back stoop in Mississippi. The fingers of his right hand moving almost imperceptibly, he chopped and changed chords with the left with amazing elasticity, adding a dynamic that does not occur on his records.

A respectful hush fell as Harper adopted a more conventional acoustic technique on *Widow of a Living Man*, the open-heart emotion of a Cat Stevens now summoned by his vocals and striking lyrics.

He can wear the coat of the modern blues-rocker, but as the evening drew on the set developed an increasingly devotional intensity, especially on *The Will To Live* and an impassioned, 20-minute encore of *Like A King* and, finally, the black-power spiritual *I'll Rise*. It was a momentous closing sentiment indeed.

PAUL SEXTON

Soaring close to the sun

The Jayhawks
Empire, W12

Two years ago it looked as though the Jayhawks were about to split. After four well-loved albums of countrified rock, the Minneapolis band had lost founding member and songwriter Mark Olson while Gary Louris, the other creative power, was reportedly a spent force, emotionally drained after an unpleasant divorce. You would not have put your shirt on their survival, let alone their remarkable renaissance this summer with the best album of their career.

Small wonder, then, that when they hit the stage Louris defiantly told the audience: "We're not dead yet." They were almost the only words he spoke all evening as instead he allowed the new material from *Sound Of Lies* to prove the point. Like Fleetwood Mac's *Rumours* and Richard and Linda Thompson's *Shoot Out The Lights*, the scars and traumas of emotional break-up have served to create an instant classic. The songs are full of tension, more abrasive than anything we have previously heard from the Jayhawks, causing Britain's leading music magazine to bestow the rare, gold-rosetted accolade of a "Mojo masterpiece" and claim confidently that there will not be a better album all year.

At first the band's jangling guitars and tight harmonies still display the influence of the Byrds (they backed Roger McGuinn on his most recent album). Louris's guitar work sounds uncannily like the late, great Clarence White and there is even an obscure Gene Clark song in recognition of their debt. But after 20 minutes Louris straps on a Gibson flying V guitar and the sound takes on a tougher complexion as they run through much of the new album. The themes are betrayal, loss of faith and self-doubt: *Think About It* is a brooding, hypnotic song about suicide, while titles such as *Trouble* and *Dying On The Vine* tell you everything you need to know about Louris's frame of mind while he was writing the album. There is a Beatle-ish quality to the arrangements, particularly with the added textures of Jessy Green's violin and the keyboards of Karen Grotberg, and a touch of Lennon's acidity about the vocals that sends a shiver down the spine.

"A has-been at a mere 35," Louris complains on *Big Star*, before he pulls himself together and asserts "I'm no quitter". That might well be his signature: having walked in the shadows but emerged stronger and fitter, the Jayhawks remain an uplifting experience.

NIGEL WILLIAMSON

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Wu-Tang Clan say they have seen the future of rap ... and it's the last word in monotony

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Curtis Mayfield's songs for the Fascinations are collected on a new album, *Out to Getcha!*

Radiohead's Thom Yorke looked around, saw what a mess we're in, wrote about it on an album called *OK Computer*...

It's true, things can only get better

CAITLIN MORAN

To make music for the next century — what a beautiful thought. Futurism has been sold short: the city of the 21st century is feared as a polluted megalopolis, crowded with steel-eyed robot-people, protein pills and a near-rioting underclass. Humanity will be something weak and frail, slowly strangled by tangles of buzzing wires and irradiated by nuclear television and plutonium-driven satellites. Misapplied technology will cauterise our souls and crush anything that does not bring a financial profit, like love, friendship, community and happiness. The future is brushed-chrome and ruthless. Multinationals dictate policy to countries, food is plastic and cancer-causing, and we pay to drink the rain.

But the fearful truth is that that is the 20th century, not the 21st. Anyone in love with humanity is currently in mourning for the present, watching it becoming infected by takeaway burgers, superpubs, shivering, oiled Page Three misses and strip-neon megamalls. Anyone who even semi-understands the political and economic workings of the Western world longs to turn away, furious and hungry for change; and determined to ramraid the untouched future in search of hope.

It is this disgust, tempered with a belief that every emotional extreme can lead to release and redemption, and that a kicking tune can save the world, that Radiohead have laid out in their new album, *OK Computer*.

"A lot of it's about disaffection," Thom Yorke, Radiohead's lead singer, explains. His blond scrub of hair has been shorn and dyed dark brown, but he looks, as described in one of his lyrics, "fitter, happier and more productive". "I switch on the TV, and there's all these irons and fridges coming at you. Watching a Tory MP electioneering, cheering wildly when someone threw eggs at him, but feeling I'd seen this once too often."

Yorke tugs what remains of his hair. "Economics. They fascinate me. Economics are the 20th century's greatest myth. There's been a lot of looking at headlines and feeling wildly impotent. *Electioneering* [one of the tracks on the album] is an incitement to riot."

Yorke's anger is palpable on *OK Computer*. The first single, *Paranoid Android*, has him growling that "Ambition makes you look pretty ugly/ Kicking squealing Gucci little piggy." Even though *Android* is six-and-a-half minutes of tempo-changes, mournful, choral middle-eights and awkwardly angular guitars, it still went into the charts at No 3, confirming that Radiohead are now "shifting units" quicker than an army of removal men.

Radiohead's previous album, *The Bends*, was a benchmark in modern pop/rock. Before its release, music had painted itself into a corner. Songwriters tackling "big" subjects believed they had to prove they meant it, man, by being dysfunctional and on the brink of collapse (Manic Street Preachers, Nirvana). Anyone not on the edge of a nervous breakdown was left with two options: happy pop, or the knowing wink of kitsch and irony (almost every British band in 1994). *The Bends*, however, reintroduced intimacy, doubt, panic, anger and comfort, all written, played and sung by men who were stable and articulate.

Although it took nearly a year for word-of-mouth to do the rounds, *The Bends* became a lodestone for those searching for music that was aspirational and inspirational, gaining Album of the Year bouquets and a slew of imitators in its wake.

Economics with the truth: Radiohead's new album, *OK Computer*, takes all of their disenchantment and wraps it up into the first great album of the 21st century

Work on *OK Computer* began in a near-deserted valley outside Bath. Frankly, your jaw will drop to the floor and fracture when you hear it. *Airbag* — FM rock chopped up with DJ Shadow beats and glorious whoops of "In an interstellar burst/I am back to save the universe!" — and *Karma Police* (a *White Album* piano-roll which schizophrenically changes horses halfway through) keep up the pop quota. Elsewhere, *Subterranean Homesick Alien* and *The Tourist* sound like symphonic revelations, full of 3am haziness, and longing for the cool womb of space.

On all the other tracks, however, there's a claustrophobia that flickers and burns: spectral pressure that bends the metallic guitar-lines into wrought iron. "There was a very odd presence in the house we were recording in," Yorke says, his eyes carefully neutral. "I just didn't sleep at all. I started seeing things, hearing things. There was a very claustrophobic ghost in the house ... I mean, we made jokes about it, but there was fear everywhere, coming out of the walls and floors. It took me by the ankles and shook me until there was nothing left." He laughs. "There was really horrible wallpaper in my room. Maybe it was just that and my imagination."

Bands are usually consuming enormous quantities of drugs when they make albums as vast and kinetically charged as this. "We got quite drunk," Johnny Greenwood, Radiohead's supernaturally gifted guitarist, offers. "Well, the others did. I only ever get drunk on New Year's Eve, and I'm *awful* around drugs. Anything that messes with my brain is a ferociously bad idea."

> ❛ You don't need drugs to make extreme music. Just reading the papers makes you feel extreme ❜

"You don't need drugs to make extreme music," Yorke chides. "Just reading the papers makes you feel extreme. *Climbing Up The Walls*, for instance. I used to work in a mental hospital around the time the Government was getting passionate about Care in the Community, and everyone just *knew* what was going to happen. It was one of the scariest things that ever happened in this country, because a lot of them weren't harmless. It's like those huge 18th-century paintings — if you get really close to them, you can see these little figures in the corners, these amorphous little monsters. And that's what some big towns are like now: the shadows contain amorphous little monsters."

"I think we have reached a peak here," Greenwood says later. "I sometimes find it hard to imagine we'll do anything better. Most bands start going rubbish around their fourth album, don't they?"

Even if his pessimistic prediction is true, Radiohead have left behind a back catalogue that soars and burns where others were content to plod through the 1990s. *OK Computer* sounds like sanity in a time when every other piece of news makes you want to shout "Stop the madness!". It's as heroic as Roger Ramjet trying to save the world with his bare hands. It's the first album of the 21st century.

... and a gobsmacked **David Sinclair** can scarce forbear to cheer the result

Modem life is rubbished

POP ALBUMS

RADIOHEAD
OK Computer
(Parlophone 7243 8 55229 £13.99)

THEIR previous record, *The Bends*, remains one of the landmark albums of the 1990s. But Radiohead have surpassed even that masterpiece with *OK Computer*.

An immensely powerful yet acutely sensitive evocation of millennium blues, it takes the classic theme of alienation and sets it in a present-day context defined by lurking fear of technology and a morbid fascination in the *X Files* culture of the unexplained.

Thom Yorke sounds a lot like Bono, especially on *Let Down*, where, accompanied by a gorgeous crystalline guitar riff, he sings of being "Crushed like a bug in the ground". But in drawing such comparisons, you would have to say that *OK Computer* is the kind of album that U2 is no longer capable of making. There is no self-conscious search here for some naff dance/rock interface, nor any notion of a jaded musical palate in need of fresh thrills. Far from being secure and successful enough to cocoon his feelings in layers of irony and worldly wit, Yorke still paints a portrait of an artist dangerously near the end of his emotional tether.

On the spooky *Exit Music (For a Film)* his high, almost-falsetto voice is heard pleading, cracking, begging, choking on a lyric full of malevolent despair. "Please could you stop the noise?/I'm tryin' a get some rest/From all the unbornchikkenvoices in my head," he sings in *Paranoid Android*, the epic single that has threatened to reawaken the slumbering giant of 1970s progressive rock.

If all this sounds like rather a dour experience, it isn't. The musicianship, especially the angular guitar playing of Jonny Greenwood, is breathtaking throughout, and the five-way songwriting credit on all songs speaks volumes. From the aggression of *Electioneering* ("Cattle prods and the IMF/I trust I can rely on your vote") to the lilting desperation of *Lucky* ("I feel my luck could change"), *OK Computer* is an album of wondrous sadness and uplifting beauty.

WORLD PARTY
Egyptology
(Chrysalis 7243 8 56482 £13.99)

WHAT with Paul McCartney enjoying his best worldwide album sales since the days of Wings, and Oasis firmly installed as official keepers of the Beatles flame, is there still a need for the beat-era pop revivalism of World Party?

No longer a group in any meaningful sense of the word, World Party is now solely a flag of convenience for Karl Wallinger, who played, recorded, wrote and produced all the songs on *Egyptology* with the help of drummer Chris Sharrock and hardly anyone else.

The tunes are every bit as charming as before, if a little predictable, while Wallinger's lyrics have moved away from the green-tinged hippie preoccupations that characterised previous albums such as *Bang!* and *Goodbye Jumbo*, in favour of a more personal/emotional style of writing. "You look around and you're just getting older," he sings in *Beautiful Dream*, one of several songs that have a rather careworn feel.

A thoughtful if cautiously assembled piece of work, *Egyptology* only really comes to life when Wallinger chances his arm on something a bit different, notably the spooky *Vanity Fair*, the aptly named *Strange Groove* and the astringent, Dylanesque *Curse of the Mummy's Tomb*.

EN VOGUE
EV3
(eastwest 7559-62097 £13.99)

HAVING shed their former lead singer, Dawn Robinson, it is a new-look, three-piece En Vogue which greets the world from the impossibly sexy cover photograph of *EV3*, their third album. But if they have added certain spicy elements to their image, particularly in the video for the tremendous single *Whatever*, any pretensions towards "girl power" are a supplement rather than a substitute for vocal power.

Despite a fair bit of filler towards the end of the album, and a typically superficial Diane Warren number called *Too Gone, Too Long*, there are some great moments here. *Right Direction* is a wonderfully rootsy funk track with slide acoustic guitar instead of the usual synths, and *Let it Flow* is an immaculate old-fashioned R&B groove. Throw in their massively successful hit, *Don't Let Go (Love)*, and this is their strongest album yet.

WU-TANG CLAN
Wu-Tang Forever
(Loud/RCA 74321457682; two discs £16.99)

AN ALBUM hailed as the future of rap, no less, *Wu-Tang Forever* is the second offering from the scowling nine-piece from Staten Island. Although not as gratuitously offensive as the mixture of violence and misogyny peddled by Snoop Doggy Dogg, Ice-T et al, the Clan's rhymes tend to be strongly worded, but often nonsensical stream-of-consciousness rants on subjects ranging from their own fighting prowess ("Yo, these hands is flooded and they mad quick") to having a nice shower at the end of the day ("Motion lotion, breeze over the ocean/Lovers, bath crystals, lovers, bun scrubbers").

Musically, though, the monotony is pretty much absolute, apart from a bizarre version of *MacArthur Park* masquerading as *Second Coming*. If this is the future of rap, it is time to roll the credits.

TOP TEN ALBUMS

1	(12)	**Timeless**	Sarah Brightman (Coalition)
2	(7)	**Before the Rain**	Eternal (EMI)
3	(3)	**Spice**	Spice Girls (Virgin)
4	(1)	**Open Road**	Gary Barlow (RCA)
5	(5)	**Always on my Mind**	Elvis Presley (RCA)
6	(2)	**Do It Yourself**	Seahorses (Geffen)
7	(26)	**The Best of**	Bob Dylan (Columbia)
8	(4)	**Wu-Tang Forever**	Wu-Tang Clan (Loud)
9	(10)	**Republica**	Republica (Deconstruction)
10	(–)	**Middle of Nowhere**	Hanson (Mercury)

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● Figure in brackets denotes last week's position

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Unsung heroics

SOUL ALBUMS

It was music fan turned record label owner Dave Godin who coined the term "Deep Soul" in the 1960s, to describe the emotionally charged ballads by black singers that came out of America during that decade. Part gospel, part soul, but wholly inspired, it was a music which at its most powerful — Otis Redding's *Try A Little Tenderness* or Lorraine Ellison's *Stay With Me Baby* — made other pop music seem juvenile and weak.

Now Godin has chosen 25 of his favourite tracks for **Dave Godin's Deep Soul Treasures Vol 1** (Kent CDKEND143). Apart from Irma Thomas, there aren't any big names — indeed, most of the artists here never achieved more than a little regional fame, and some not even that. But the quality is undeniable. Tracks like *The Turning Point* by Jimmy Holiday, *I Feel Like Cryin'* by Sam and Bill and Godin's personal favourite, *You Got Me* by Jaibi are direct, uncompromising and moving.

Curtis Mayfield represented a lighter, but no less effective strand of soul music in the 1960s, both with his work with the Impressions and his writing and production skills. The songs he wrote and produced for girl group the Fascinations have now been collected on **Out to Getcha!** (Sequel NEMCD 881). As the title implies, the best-known track is the mid-tempo dancer, *Girls Are Out To Get You*, a club favourite since it was first released in Britain in 1967.

Another favourite, Darrell Banks, is remembered by the 27-track CD **The Lost Soul** (Goldmine GSCD 109). Discovered singing at the Michigan State Fair in 1966, Banks cut his first record a year later, the lilting and hypnotic *Open the Door to your Heart* — one of the classic soul records.

While nothing else quite matched that masterpiece, cuts such as *Angel Baby* and *Our Love is in the Pocket* remain great records. Sadly, Banks was never able to capitalise on his success. He unwisely drew a gun on an off-duty policeman and died with a bullet in his neck in 1970.

Finally, there is due recognition for the first white act ever to open for James Brown. The seven-strong Casinos were a Cincinnati vocal group who turned a John D. Loudermilk song, *Then You Can Tell Me Goodbye*, into the blue-eyed soul hit of 1967. They continued their rhythm and blues feel with cuts like *I'm So Proud* (which remained unissued at the time), but never achieved lasting success. **The Best of the Casinos** (Varèse Sarabande VSD-5706) may mark only a footnote in the history of rock, but it's a fascinating one.

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Watch with mother: Judi Dench stars in *Amy's View*, David Hare's new play

VENUE: Now previewing at the Lyttelton Theatre

■ **CHOICE 2**

Two premieres by Mark-Anthony Turnage launch the Aldeburgh Festival

VENUE: Snape Maltings Concert Hall, tonight

THE TIMES ARTS

■ **THEATRE 1**

Pieter-Dirk Uys returns in *Live from Boerassic Park* with more pungent South African satire

■ **THEATRE 2**

Worthy but dull, *Flyin' West* at the Drill Hall presents politically correct polemics instead of drama

WEEKEND CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Gillian Maxey

LONDON

AMY'S VIEW Judi Dench and Samantha Bond in David Hare's new play, exploring a strong mother-daughter bond in the years from 1979. Richard Eyre directs
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Previews begin tonight, 7.30pm. Opens June 20, 7pm. In rep

CLIFFORD COFFIN: THE VARNISHED TRUTH: An exhibition of fashion photographs from Vogue, 1948-1956, opens today.
National Portrait Gallery, St Martin's Place, WC2 (0171-306 0055). Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm, Sun, midday-6pm. Until September 28

FRENCH CONNECTION The **Ysaÿe Quartet** and pianist **Pascal Rogé** give two concerts this weekend. The programme at 7.30pm tomorrow features the British premiere of Krawczyk's Quartet No 2. The coffee concert at 11.30am on Sunday includes Fauré's Piano Quintet No 2 in C minor and Schumann's Piano Quartet in E flat
Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, W1 (0171-935 2141)

IS '97 Two weeks of visual arts exhibitions take place from tomorrow as part of the **Islington International Festival**, culminating in a carnival of live street entertainment and music from around the world on June 28
Information Line (0171-833 3131)

OPEN-AIR OPERA Alternative Arts presents a season of opera at Victoria Embankment Gardens, Villiers Street, WC2. Essex Opera opens proceedings tomorrow with a recital at 6pm, and Opera Live performs *Così fan tutte* on Sunday at 5.30pm. Admission is free.
Open-Air Opera information (0171-375 0441). Until July 30

ELSEWHERE

NATIONAL CINEMA DAY On Sunday, cinema-goers across the country will be able to see the film of their choice for just £1

ALDEBURGH The 50th **Aldeburgh Festival** of Music and the Arts begins tonight at 8pm in the Snape Maltings Concert Hall with the premieres of fully staged productions of Mark-Anthony Turnage's *Twice Through the Heart* and *The Country of the Blind*. Highlights over the next two weeks include a Fringe Festival, an exhibition by East Anglian artists, workshops and a lecture series
Aldeburgh Festival Box Office (01728 453543). Until June 29

CARDIFF The **Cardiff Singer of the World** competition takes place from Sunday to Thursday inclusive, with the final on Saturday, June 21. Returns only
St David's Hall, The Hayes (01222 878444). Sunday-Thursday, 7.25pm, June 21, 7.15pm. Ⓢ

GLASGOW: **Royal Scottish National Orchestra**'s ScottishPower Proms series includes this evening's candlelit prom conducted by its leader, Edward Paling. Tomorrow, Stephen Clarke conducts music from the film *Amadeus*.
Royal Concert Hall, Buchanan Street (0141-287 5511). Tonight and tomorrow, 7.30pm. Ⓢ

LONDON GALLERIES

British Museum: Printmaking in Paris, Picasso and His Contemporaries (0171-636 1555) **Cadogan Contemporary**: Daniel Ludwig (0171-581 5451) **Commercial**: Martin: group exhibition by 17 artists (0171-247 9747) **Festival Hall**: Dancing in the moonlight with her wigwam hair (0171-960 4242) **Harriet Green**: Purely Painting (0171-287 8328) **London Institute**: Chelsea College of Art and Design: Fine Art BA Honours Degree Show (opens tomorrow) (0171-514 6000) **October**: Xu Zhong Min and Ye Yong Qing in Dialogue (0171-242 7367) **Richard Green**: British Marine Paintings (0171-493 3939) **Royal Academy**: Summer Exhibition (0171-439 7438)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ **House full, returns only**
▨ **Some seats available**
☐ **Seats at all prices**

☐ **ALWAYS** Believe it or not, the King and Mrs Simpson story set to music (by William May and Jason Sprague), starring Jan Hartley and Clive Carter
Victoria Palace, Victoria Street, W1 (0171-834 1317). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm

☐ **DAMN YANKEES**: West End debut for Jerry Lewis, heading an all-American cast in the Richard Adler/Jerry Ross musical about the baseball fan who sells his soul to the devil. Jack O'Brien directs
Adelphi, Strand, WC2 (0171-413 1777). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 2.30pm

☐ **THE GOODBYE GIRL**: Gary Wilmot, Ann Crumb and Shezwae Powell in the Hamlisch/Zippel musical version of Neil Simon's play. Dancer dumped by one actor and landed with another gradually finds love
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-369 1730). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat 8.30pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm

■ **HENRY V**: The first full season on ye new olde Elizabethan stage opens with Mark Rylance playing Hal in Richard Olivier's all-male production
Shakespeare's Globe, Bankside, SE1 (0171-401 9919). Tonight, 6pm

▨ **POPCORN** Ben Elton's blistering comedy about movie violence. A Tarantinoesque director gets his come-uppance when a couple of serial killers (Patrick O'Kane and Dena Davis) blame him for their misdeeds
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5070). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, and Sat, 4pm.

☐ **THE SCHOOL FOR WIVES** Peter Bowles both touching and comic as Molière's deluded hero. Eric Sykes excellent as his flicker-fingered servant.
Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (0171-369 1731). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4.30pm. Until July 26

☐ **STUNDE NULL** Lift brings Christoph Marthaler's fascinating, often hilarious production from Hamburg's Deutsches Schauspielhaus, showing seven West German politicians being taught by Miss Stunde Null ("Zero Hour") how to shake hands, cut red ribbons and tread carefully round the Nazi years. English surtitles
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, SE1 (0171-960 4242). Tonight-Sun, 7.45pm

☐ **THROWAWAY** Kate Williams directs Danny Miller's bookmaking comedy in which a failing firm plunges itself even deeper into financial and family crisis
Theatre Royal, Gerry Raffles Square, Stratford, E15 (0181-534 0310). Mon-Sat 8pm, mats Thurs (June 19), 2pm. Until June 28

☐ **WISHBONES**: New play by Lucinda Coxon, author of the haunting *Waiting at the Water's Edge*. Simon Usher directs Amelda Brown and Madeleine Newton as two childhood friends whose meeting as adults awakens old fantasies
Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (0181-743 3388). Opens tonight, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm. Until July 12

LONG RUNNERS

☐ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (0171-369 1733) ▨ **Grease**: Cambridge (0171-494 5080) ▨ **An Inspector Calls**: Garrick (0171-494 5085) ▨ **Jesus Christ Superstar**: Lyceum (0171-656 1807) ☐ **Martin Guerre**: Prince Edward (0171-447 5400) ■ **Les Misérables**: Palace (0171-434 0909) ■ **Miss Saigon**: Drury Lane (0171-494 5400) ☐ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (0171-836 1443) ▨ **Oliver!**: Palladium (0171-494 5020) ☐ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (0171-416 6054)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **THE ASSOCIATE** (PG): Overlooked Wall Street analyst gets her revenge. Feeble comedy, with Whoopi Goldberg, Dianne Wiest. Director, Donald Petrie
UCI Whiteleys Ⓢ (0990 888990) **Virgin Trocadero** (0171-434 0031) **Warner West End** (0171-437 4343)

JOHNS (18): Sympathetic drama about Los Angeles hustlers, with Lukas Haas and David Arquette
ABC Baker Street (0171-935 9772) **Metro** (0171-437 0757) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121)

MAMMA ROMA: Pasolini's uneven but compelling second film (1962), with Anna Magnani as a prostitute who craves respectability
ICA Cinema (0171-930 3647)

SHADOW CONSPIRACY (15): Charlie Sheen winkles out a conspiracy in Washington. Laughably bad thriller, with Linda Hamilton and Donald Sutherland. Director, George P. Cosmatos
Virgin Trocadero (0171-434 0031) **Warner West End** (0171-437 4343)

THE SQUARE CIRCLE (15): Mildly interesting Indian commercial melodrama about gender confusion. Director, Amol Palekar
Curzon West End (0171-369 1722)

TRIGGER HAPPY (15): Hollow spoof movie about underworld killings, with a starry cast. Larry Bishop directs Ellen Barkin, Gabriel Byrne and Richard Dreyfuss
Warner West End (0171-437 4343)

CURRENT

ALIVE AND KICKING (15): Lively Aids drama, with Jason Flemyng and Antony Sher. Written by Martin Sherman, directed by Nancy Meckler
ABC Shaftesbury Avenue (0171-836 6279)

◆ **CON AIR** (15): Nasty prisoners hijack their plane. Ferocious rollercoaster ride, with Nicolas Cage, from producer Jerry Bruckheimer
ABC Tottenham Court Road (0171-636 6148) **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **Greenwich** (0181-235 3005) **Notting Hill Coronet** Ⓢ (0171-727 6705) **Odeons: Kensington** (0181-315 4214) **Marble Arch** (0181-315 4216) **Swiss Cottage** (0181-315 4220) **West End** (0181-315 4221) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0990 888990) **Virgins: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636)

◆ **THE FIFTH ELEMENT** (PG): Flabby sci-fi epic from Luc Besson, with Bruce Willis as the taxi-driver who might save the world
Barbican Ⓢ (0171-638 8891) **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **Empire** (0990 888990) **Greenwich** (0181-235 3005) **Odeons: Kensington** (0181-315 4214) **Marble Arch** (0181-315 4216) **Swiss Cottage** (0181-315 4220) **Rio** (0171-254 6677) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **Screen/Green** (0171-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0990 888990) **Virgins: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031)

◆ **LIAR LIAR** (12): Lawyer Jim Carrey tells the truth for 24 hours. Attractive comedy, soft round the edges. Director, Tom Shadyac
Empire (0990 888 990) **Greenwich** (0181-235 3005) **Odeons: Kensington** (0181-315 4214) **Marble Arch** (0181-315 4216) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0990 888990) **Virgin Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031)

◆ **WHEN WE WERE KINGS** (PG): Oscar-winning portrait of the boxer Muhammad Ali, as he fights George Foreman in 1974. Director, Leon Gast
Virgins: Fulham Road (0171-370 2636) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527)

THEATRE: South African satire; worthy political diatribe; and an anorexic farce

The crusader from the Cape

MARILYN KINGWILL

Pieter-Dirk Uys, finding new targets for his wincing wit

A year after she confided in us the latest on South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission, Mrs Evita Bezuidenhout is with us again, this time (so we are told) over here for a photo-interview in *Hello!*, for which she poses against the correct tourist-spots, ie, Nelson Mandela's memorial on the South Bank, and to pay a social call on the Blairs and their lovely children.

Mrs B. is of course Pieter-Dirk Uys, who has admitted that at one time he wondered what targets would remain for his satiric daggers after the Bothas departed and Mandela became President. He need not have worried. Possibilities present themselves on every side. The slithering rand, the street killings, the disappearance of money into the usual pockets, the African National Congress's elevation (can this be true?) of Robben Island to the atrocity level of Auschwitz and Hiroshima. "I have not heard," murmurs Uys, "of any Jews who survived in Auschwitz for 27 years."

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Just as our smiling faces and sporting successes indicate that we are flourishing under a new Government, so South Africa revelled in its new political freedom three years ago, and the quality of these three years is what he chronicles in his new show. Some of the throwaway darts are politically so incorrect that our laughter is shot through with wonder at the daring as much as the shrewdness.

Describing himself as fat, fifty and follicularly challenged, Uys begins as himself, telling us something of his own childhood in Fifties Cape Town — one grandmother Jewish, the other a cousin of the Afrikaans Prime Minister. Pulling out wigs and T-shirts from his carrier bags, he then inhabits a succession of other people, including Nowella Fine, Jewish princess and liberal, up to a point.

For a good example of his technique watch the way his tale of a German tourist to the Cape develops. At first this can be enjoyed as just a slight variation on the stereotype, the courteous visitor from Stuttgart and his wife, Renata, apologetic, slightly taken aback by the attention of small predators but infinitely tolerant. The character here is something of a butt; then subtly, so subtly that in retrospect one cannot remember where the change began, the situation darkens. What is described continues to provoke laughter but the exaggeration takes us into the realm of the grotesque, where comedy is shot through with dismay and we are not sure quite what we can do to react.

This is not the only method Uys uses to create his effects. He has polished the art of the throwaway, ending some confessional canter by turning his head aside, as though with the subject now concluded he can go easy on the PC control. Out comes some frightful comment or admission. Political satire delivered by a world expert.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Cry freedom, loudly

Flyin' West
Drill Hall, W1

Yvonne Brewster has misspent most of her directing career trying to turn messages about black empowerment into frontline theatre. She must imagine that her stilted productions have been dropping rednecks on their knees for 20-odd years. Let's get real. This is the Drill Hall, the cultural epicentre of the politically correct. To all but the converted Pearl Cleage's *Flyin' West* is not news, it is worthy rubbish.

The most interesting feature of Cleage's play is its historical context: the western exodus in the 1870s of freed American slaves inspired by the possibility of owning land. Against a stretch of blue sky and Kansas prairie, Cleage introduces us to a ready-made family of frontier folk, all female, who all but burst into song at the first mention of black sisterhood.

Big Fannie, a would-be writer, spends the play being courted by strapping Will Parish. Her even bigger sister, Sophie, patrols the land with her shotgun. And youngest sister Minnie, a beanpole by comparison, introduces her new husband, Frank Charles, who proceeds to beat her up and steal her share of the land. Frank, a mulatto from New Orleans, has grown up hating the dark side of his skin. For someone with such transparent ambition to mix it with whites, it's not remotely clear why he weds Minnie.

With her unerring touch Brewster turns the play into a piecemeal melodrama where actors speak in exaggerated drawls. Ben Thomas's Frank has the most fun sticking his prejudices up everyone's nose. But where the most interesting chemistry should be happening, namely within the family, there are merely speeches about priorities. While Jenni George's butch Sophie canters back and forth across stage with her shotgun, hollering her dislike of Frank, Angie Le Mar's Fannie simpers at David Webber's Will, and Syan Blake's Minnie swoons and weeps. It's left to Anni Domingo to salvage some dignity as the spiky, 73-year-old grandmother, Miss Leah. She at least emanates some genuine frontier charisma, and this show needs every ounce it can get.

JAMES CHRISTOPHER

Slim comic pickings

Love Me Slender
Orange Tree, Richmond

There is a revolution in progress in a church hall in Tunbridge Wells, *James Christopher writes*. It's older than the Sixties and yet as topical and tabloid as Diana's naked feet. It is the Slim For Life dieting club run by a health guru and body fascist, Siobhan. The problem with Siobhan is that she takes her duties far too seriously. Her motley recruits, from Constance Barrie's bulimic tea-girl to the hopelessly rotund Rosie, are there to be bullied, whether they lose weight or not. "It's not just a diet but a way of life," she yells. Her recruits inexplicably humour her, and then spend the rest of Vanessa Brooks's anorexic play realising that they're not weak dumplings after all.

This is a peculiar choice of play to stage at the Orange Tree, a space that has a sterling reputation for polishing antiques. Brooks's farce has far too little comic cholesterol and far too much stuffing. Dressed in bright yellow jeans and a clingfilm T-shirt, Jenny Funnell's power-crazed Siobhan emanates size 8 success. But too much belief in her own self-importance is complicated by too many chips on her beautifully sculpted shoulders. Twitching at first with eagerness and then presumably with self-destructive passion, we watch her fold neatly under the weight of her own expectations.

The rest of the class seemed preposterously happy to have their careers and social lives meddled with. "I'm Celia. I'm 64½ and I'm totally bonkers," says Irene Sutcliffe's perky pensioner. Jill Brassington's Jean is the model pupil. She's lost tons of weight but seems to have misplaced her marriage in the process. Joanna Brookes's roly-poly Rosie, the Bunter of the remove, hasn't lost a pound but she's on the point of losing the only person who ever took an interest in her. Token resistance is provided by Emma Gregory's career-woman Lucinda and, most notably, by Jeannie Crowther's earthy Claudette.

Auriol Smith's production prattles along merrily enough. But the satire on the perfect body being more important than life itself is so thin it slipped through the floorboards.

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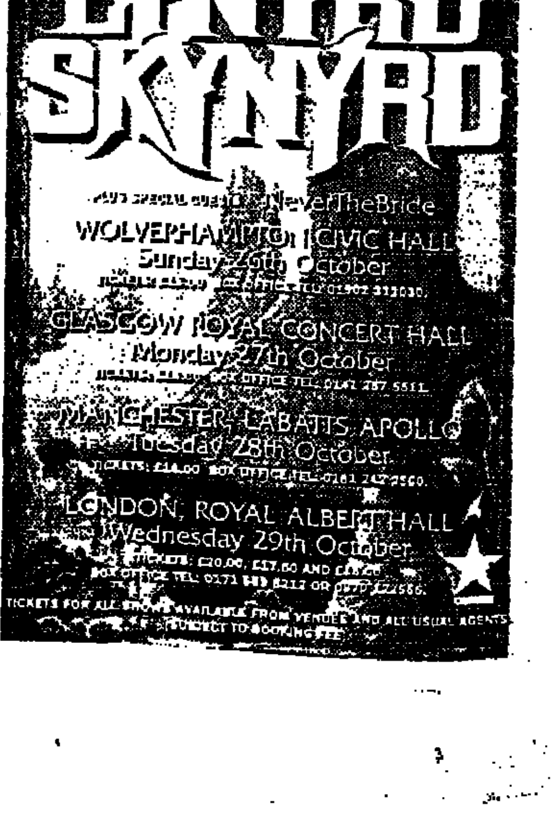

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Employee can recover stigma damages from dishonest employer

Malik and Another v Bank of Credit and Commerce International SA (in compulsory liquidation)

Before Lord Goff of Chieveley, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, Lord Mustill, Lord Nicholls of Birkenhead and Lord Steyn

[Speeches June 12]

Subject to issues of causation, mitigation and remoteness, an employee might in principle recover damages for financial loss stemming from a loss of reputation caused by breach of the employer's implied obligation not, without reasonable and proper cause, to conduct itself in a manner likely to destroy or seriously damage the relationship of confidence and trust between employer and employee.

Recoverable damages might in appropriate circumstances include financial loss resulting from the employee's impaired future employment prospects which had been adversely affected by the employer's breach of the implied trust and confidence term.

The House of Lords so held allowing appeals by Mr Quaiser Mansoor Malik and Mr Raihan Nasir Mahmud, former employees of Bank of Credit and Commerce International SA, from the Court of Appeal (*The Times* April 12, 1995; sub nom *Mahmud v BCCI SA* [1996] ICR 406) who dismissed their appeals from Mr Justice Evans-Lombe (*The Times* February 23, 1994) at the hearing of a preliminary issue.

The Court of Appeal had held that the employees, who had been made redundant by the bank's liquidators and sought to prove for damages in the winding up of the bank, were not entitled to recover damages for injury to their reputations allegedly caused by the bank conducting a dishonest or corrupt business.

Mr Eldred Tabachnik, QC and Mr Andrew B. Stafford for the employees; Mr Patrick Elias, QC and Mr Christopher Jeans for the bank.

LORD NICHOLLS said that for the purpose of the preliminary issue it was assumed that the bank operated in a corrupt and dishonest manner, that the employees were innocent of any involvement, that following the collapse of the bank its corruption and dishonesty became widely known, that in consequence the employees were at a handicap on the labour market because they were stigmatised by reason of their previous employment and suffered loss in consequence.

The parties were agreed that the contracts of employment of the employees each contained an implied term that the bank would not, without reasonable and proper cause, conduct itself in a manner likely to destroy or seriously damage the relationship of confidence and trust between employer and employee.

The submissions raised an important question on the damages recoverable for breach of the implied term, with particular reference to *Addis v Gramophone Co Ltd* ([1909] AC 488) and *Withers v General Theatre Corporation Ltd* ([1933] 2 KB 536).

On the assumed facts, the case was not one where one or two individuals, however senior, were behaving dishonestly: this was a dishonest business, a corrupt business. When an innocent employee, whatever his status, learned the true nature of the bank's business, he was entitled to leave at once. No one could be expected to have to continue to work with and for such a company against his wish.

That entitlement to leave at once derived from the bank being in breach of a term of the contract of employment which the employee was entitled to treat as a repudiation by the bank of its contractual obligations.

In other words, the bank was under an implied obligation to its employees not to conduct a dishonest or corrupt business. That was no more than one aspect of the general obligation not to engage in conduct likely to undermine the trust and confidence required if the employment relationship was to continue in the manner the contract implicitly envisaged.

The conduct complained of did not have to be targeted at the employee or a group of employees. Although the conduct had to impinge on the relationship in the sense that, looked at objectively, it was likely to destroy or seriously damage the degree of trust and confidence the employee was reasonably entitled to have in his employer. That required one to look at all the circumstances.

A breach occurred when the proscribed conduct took place: here, operating a dishonest and corrupt business. Proof of a subjective loss of confidence in the employer was not an essential element of the breach, although the time when the employee learned of the misconduct and his response to it might affect his remedy.

The employee might treat the bank's conduct as a repudiatory breach entitling him to leave. He was not compelled to leave. He might choose to stay. Whether staying would amount to a waiver of the breach for all purposes depended on the circumstances.

If the employee did not discover the facts while his employment was continuing, repudiation was not open to him, but that did not mean he had no remedy. In the ordinary course breach of a contractual term entitled the innocent party to damages.

Of the many forms which trust-destroying conduct might take, some might have continuing adverse financial effects on an employee even after his employment had ceased. In such a case the fact that the employee learned of the employer's conduct after his employment had ended should not, in principle, be a bar to recovery. If it were otherwise, an employer who concealed a breach would be better placed than an employer who did not.

If the employer committed a breach of the term and in consequence the contract came to an end prematurely, the employee lost the benefits he should have received had the contract run its course. Prima facie, and subject always to established principles of mitigation and so forth, the dismissed employee could recover damages to compensate him for those promised benefits lost to him in consequence of the premature termination of the contract.

Premature termination losses could not be attributable to a breach of the trust and confidence term if the contract was terminated for other reasons, for instance, for redundancy, as in the present case, or if the employee left of his own volition.

Exceptionally, however, the losses suffered by an employee as a result of a breach of the trust and confidence term might not consist of, or be confined to loss of pay and other premature termination losses. An employee might find himself worse off financially than when he entered into the contract; for example, conduct in breach of the trust and confidence term, which prejudicially affected an employee's future employment prospects. The conduct might diminish the employee's attractiveness to future employers.

The loss in the present case was of that character. Were such continuing financial losses recoverable for breach of the trust and confidence term? If it was reasonably foreseeable that a particular type of loss of that character was a serious possibility, and loss of that type was sustained in consequence of a breach, then in principle damages in respect of the loss ought to be recoverable.

In the present case, the absence of agreed facts as to whether the employees' handicap in the labour market was reasonably foreseeable by the bank, was not a sufficient reason for refusing to permit the former employees' claims to proceed further.

The contrary argument of principle was that the losses recoverable ought to be confined to the premature termination losses. That was an unacceptable narrow evaluation of the trust and confidence term. Employers might be under no common law obligation, through the medium of an implied contractual term of general application, to take steps to improve their employees' future job prospects. But failure to improve was one thing, positively to damage was another.

An employment contract created a close personal relationship, where there was often a disparity of power between the parties. Frequently the employee was vulnerable.

Although the underlying purpose of the trust and confidence term was to protect the employment relationship, there could be nothing unfairly onerous or unreasonable in requiring an employer who breached the trust and confidence term to be liable if he thereby caused reasonably foreseeable continuing financial loss.

Employers had to take care not to damage their employees' future employment prospects by harsh and oppressive behaviour or by any other conduct which was unacceptable today as falling below the standards set by the implied trust and confidence term.

That approach brought one face to face with the wrongful dismissal case, *Addis*.

An employee might elect to treat a sufficiently serious breach of the trust and confidence term as discharging him from the contract and, hence, as a constructive dismissal. The damages in such a case ought, in principle, to be the same as if the employer had expressly dismissed the employee.

So far as the recoverability of continuing financial losses were concerned, in principle there was no basis for distinguishing (a) wrongful dismissal following a breach of the trust and confidence term, (b) constructive dismissal following such a breach and (c) a breach of the term which only became known after the contract had ended for other reasons.

The present case was in the last category, but a principled answer could not be given for cases in category (c) without considering the other categories, from which it was indistinguishable.

Addis was generally regarded as having decided that an employee could not recover damages for the manner in which the wrongful dismissal took place, for injured feelings or for any loss he might sustain from the fact that his having been dismissed of itself made it more difficult for him to obtain fresh employment.

In particular, *Addis* was generally understood to have decided that any loss suffered by the adverse impact on the employee's chances of obtaining alternative employment was to be excluded from an assessment of damages for wrongful dismissal.

His Lordship was not concerned with the exclusion of damages for injured feelings. The present case was concerned only with financial loss.

The observations of Lord Loreburn, Lord Chancellor, in *Addis* were framed in quite general terms and he expressly disagreed with the suggestion of Lord Coleridge, Chief Justice, in *Maw v Jones* ((1890) 25 QBD 107, 108) to the effect that an assessment of damages might take into account the greater difficulty which an apprentice dismissed with a slur on his character might have in obtaining other employment. Similarly general observations were made by the other law lords in *Addis*.

Those observations could not be read as precluding the recovery of damages where the manner of the dismissal involved a breach of the trust and confidence term and that caused financial loss.

Addis was decided before the implied term was adumbrated. Now that the term existed and was normally implied in every contract of employment, damages for its breach ought to be assessed in accordance with ordinary contractual principles. That was as much true if the breach occurred before or in connection with the dismissal as at any other time.

The liquidators submitted that injury to reputation was protected by the law of defamation and that the boundaries set by the tort of defamation were not to be sidestepped by allowing a claim in contract that would not succeed in defamation. That submission was misconceived.

His Lordship agreed that the cause of the action known to the law in respect of injury to reputation was the tort of defamation, which provided a remedy whether or not the injury caused financial loss. If the plaintiff did in fact suffer financial loss, it might be recoverable in a defamation action as special damages.

It by no means followed, however, that financial loss recoverable as special damages in defamation was irrecoverable as damages for breach of contract. Furthermore, the fact that the breach of contract injured the plaintiff's reputation where no claim for defamation would lie was not, by itself, a reason for excluding from the damages recoverable for breach of contract compensation for financial loss which on ordinary principles would be recoverable.

The distinction between damage to reputation and financial loss was fundamentally sound and when awarding damages for breach of contract courts took care to confine the damages to their proper ambit: making good financial loss.

The second submission concerning reputation was that the employees' claims for damages to their existing reputations were barred by *Withers*.

There was an acute conflict between that decision and *Marbe v George Edwardes (Daly's Theatre) Ltd* ([1928] 1 KB 269). In *Marbe* clear views were expressed by the Court of Appeal that when assessing damages for loss flowing from a failure to provide promised publicity, the loss might include loss to existing reputation. In *Withers* equally clear views were firmly stated to the contrary by the three Court of Appeal judges.

His Lordship preferred the views expressed in *Marbe*. They accorded better with principle.

For those reasons the appeals would be allowed. The agreed set of assumed facts disclosed a good cause of action.

Lord Steyn delivered a concurring speech. Lord Goff, Lord Mackay and Lord Mustill agreed.

Solicitors: Manches & Co; Lovell White Durrant.

Bail ceases on surrender

Regina v Maidstone Crown Court, Ex parte Jodka

Before Lord Justice Pill and Mr Justice Astill

[Judgment May 9]

Any bail granted by a magistrates' court ceased when a defendant surrendered himself to the custody of the crown court, whether at an arraignment or other hearing.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so stated when refusing the first and allowing the second of two applications by Satnam Singh Jodka for judicial review of two decisions of Judge Croft at Maidstone Crown Court on August 27, 1996 and on November 22, 1996, to order forfeiture of £5,000 security paid into court and of £3,000 of the applicant's £5,000 surety.

Justices had committed a defendant to the crown court on bail "until the case is disposed of" with conditions of security and a surety. The applicant was the surety for £5,000 and paid the £5,000 security on behalf of the defendant.

On arraignment at the crown court the judge did not reconsider the suitability of either of those conditions and ordered "bail as heretofore".

Mr Malcolm Fortune for the applicant; Mr David Calvert-Smith, QC, for the prosecution.

MR JUSTICE ASTILL said that the prosecution had submitted that the words "for trial" in section 6(3)(b) of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 meant until the beginning of the trial, empowering justices to grant bail which lasted until a defendant's trial had begun. His Lordship rejected that construction and interpreted the words as meaning "for the purposes of trial". The words of Lord Steyn in *R v Central Criminal Court, Ex parte Guney* (*The Times* May 10, 1996; [1996] AC 616, 622-623) clearly meant that at least at arraignment any bail granted by the justices ceased if the defendant surrendered himself to custody.

In his Lordship's judgment that applied to any appearance before the crown court where a defendant surrendered to custody. In saying "bail as heretofore" the judge had been making a new bail order.

On making a new bail order the judge was obliged to consider the position of a surety before imposing such a condition. Since he had not done so, the applicant's obligations as a surety had ceased when the defendant surrendered to custody on arraignment, and the forfeiture of the £3,000 was unlawful.

In ordering bail "as heretofore" the judge had included the security as a condition. There was no obligation on him to go further than invite representations from the defendant on the question of the security, which he had done.

There was also no obligation on a judge to make inquiries into the ability of a third party to pay a security when the obligation belonged only to the defendant.

Lord Justice Pill agreed.

Solicitors: Robin F. Clark & Co, Gravesend; Crown Prosecution Service, Maidstone.

Youth detention not akin to life sentence

Regina v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Venables
Regina v Same, Ex parte Thompson

Before Lord Goff of Chieveley, Lord Browne-Wilkinson, Lord Lloyd of Berwick, Lord Steyn and Lord Hope of Craighead

[Speeches June 12]

A sentence of detention during her Majesty's pleasure passed on a young offender under section 53(1) of the Children and Young Persons Act 1933, as substituted by section 1(5) of the Murder (Abolition of Death Penalty) Act 1965, was not the same as a mandatory sentence of life imprisonment passed on an adult and required the Home Secretary to consider from time to time whether continued detention was justified.

An inflexible policy whereby a tariff set for a young offender regarding the minimum period of detention to be served by him by way of punishment and deterrence before he would be considered for release would in no circumstances be varied by reason of matters occurring subsequently to the offence was unlawful. In fixing the tariff period the Home Secretary should, like a sentencing judge, ignore as irrelevant public petitions or public opinions as expressed in the media.

The House of Lords (Lord Goff and Lord Lloyd dissenting) allowed cross-appeals by the applicants, Jon Venables and Robert Thompson, and (Lord Lloyd dissenting) dismissed an appeal by the Home Secretary from the Court of Appeal (Lord Woolf, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Hobhouse and Lord Justice Morritt) (*The Times* August 7, 1996; [1997] 2 WLR 67), who had dismissed an appeal by the Home Secretary and cross-appeals by the applicants from the Divisional Court (Lord Justice Pill and Mr Justice Newman) (*The Times* May 7, 1996).

Section 53, as substituted, provides: "(1) A person ... under the age of 18 years at the time the offence was committed shall not, if he is convicted of murder, be sentenced to imprisonment for life ... but in lieu thereof the court shall ... sentence him to be detained during her Majesty's pleasure..."

Mr David Pannick, QC and Mr Mark Shaw for the Home Secretary; Mr Edward Fitzgerald, QC and Mr Ben Emmerson for Venables; Mr Brian Higgs, QC and Mr Julian Nutter for Thompson.

LORD GOFF said that in November 1993 the applicants had been convicted of the murder of James Bulger, aged two, in February, when they had been 10½ years old. The judge had described the killing as "an act of unparalleled evil and barbarity".

In his report to the Home Secretary the judge had said that if the applicants had been adults the actual length of detention necessary to meet the requirements of retribution and general deterrence should have been 18 years. Taking into account the appalling circumstances of the murder and the applicants' age when it had been committed the appropriate length was eight years: " 'very very many years' for a 10 or 11-year-old".

Lord Taylor, Lord Chief Justice, had advised that the period should be 10 years.

The Home Secretary had decided that it should be 15 years. He had said that he had had regard to public concern about the case which was evidenced by petitions and other correspondence.

In particular, there had been a petition signed by some 278,300 members of the public, with some 4,400 letters in support, urging that the applicants should remain in detention for life, a petition signed by nearly 6,000 members of the public asking for a minimum period of 25 years and over 20,000 coupons cut out of a popular newspaper (*The Sun*), with over 1,000 letters, demanding a life tariff. There had been only 33 letters agreeing with the judiciary or asking for a lower tariff.

Mr Fitzgerald's submission that a sentence of detention during her Majesty's pleasure under section 53(1) of the 1933 Act contained no element of punishment was unsustainable.

The conclusion of the Divisional Court that such a sentence connoted a duty in the Home Secretary to keep the question of continued detention under review throughout the period of detention, with the effect that the imposition of a penal element that had to be served before release was inconsistent with such a sentence, flowed from a misunderstanding of the applicable legislation. His Lordship would dismiss the cross-appeals raising that issue.

The Home Secretary's appeal related to the issue of unfairness and breach of natural justice.

If the Home Secretary implemented a policy of fixing a penal element of the sentence of a mandatory life prisoner, he was to that extent exercising a function closely analogous to a sentencing function and was under a duty to act within the same constraints as a judge would when exercising the same function.

If he took into account public clamour directed towards the decision in the particular case under consideration, he would be having regard to an irrelevant consideration that would render the exercise of his discretion unlawful. The Home Secretary's appeal should be dismissed.

LORD BROWNE-WILKINSON said that it had been made clear to their Lordships both from the evidence and in submissions that in making any change to the tariff period initially fixed, the Home Secretary would only have regard to matters relevant to the circumstances of the commission of the offence or the applicant's state of mind when it had been committed. He would not in any circumstances vary the period by reason of events occurring after the commission of the crime.

Section 44 of the 1933 Act provided: "(1) Every court in dealing with a child or young person ... shall have regard to the welfare of the child or young person."

That was one of the basic principles applicable to dealing with child offenders. The Home Secretary at all times had to be free to take into account as one of the relevant factors the welfare of the child and the desirability of reintegrating him into society.

The extent to which that was possible must depend, in the case of a young child at least, on the way in which that child was maturing through his formative years.

If he was making exceptional progress and it was clear that his welfare would be improved by release from detention, that was one of the factors the Home Secretary had to take into account and balance against the other relevant factors of retribution, deterrence and risk. The child's welfare was not paramount, but it had to be taken into account.

It followed that, unless the Criminal Justice Act 1991 had altered the position, the tariff policy adopted by the Home Secretary in 1993 was an unlawful policy in relation to child murderers.

In his Lordship's view the 1991 Act had not done so. Accordingly, in setting the tariff of 15 years for the applicants the Home Secretary had been applying an unlawful policy and his decisions should be quashed.

His Lordship expressed no final view as to whether it had been improper for the Home Secretary to take into account the petitions and other material.

LORD LLOYD said that Parliament in the 1991 Act had created a direct link between the mandatory life sentence and sentence of detention during her Majesty's pleasure and provided the same release procedure for both.

He could not see how, therefore, it could be unlawful for the Home Secretary to apply the same policy of indicating the minimum period to be served for the purposes of retribution and deterrence as soon as possible after the sentence had been imposed.

According to the evidence, the Home Secretary had had particular regard for the age of the applicants and their need for rehabilitation. But he had also been entitled to have regard to other factors, especially the need for maintaining public confidence in the criminal justice system.

In the light of those other factors it could not be said that his initial view of 15 years had been so far beyond what was reasonable as to point inevitably to a wrong approach. His Lordship could not accept that his whole policy was undermined by the absence of a formal review during that period. He would dismiss the cross-appeals.

On the Home Secretary's appeal, if the Home Secretary was entitled to take account of the need to maintain public confidence in the criminal justice system, as everybody agreed, his Lordship could not see why he should not take account of genuine public concern over a particular case.

The petitions and letters had surely demonstrated a certain level of concern. It was to the Home Secretary that Parliament had entrusted the task of maintaining public confidence in the criminal justice system and as part of that task gauging public concern in relation to a particular case when deciding on the earliest release date. It was not the function of the courts to tell him how to perform that task. His Lordship would allow the appeal.

Lord Steyn and Lord Hope delivered opinions in favour of allowing the cross-appeals and dismissing the appeal.

Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor; Graysons, Sheffield; Paul Rooney & Co, Liverpool.

Liability pending licence transfer

Westminster City Council v Mackay

Before Lord Justice Pill and Mr Justice Astill

[Judgment May 15]

Where an entertainment licence was deemed to remain in force beyond its expiry date pending determination of an application to transfer the licence, pursuant to paragraph 6B of Schedule 12 to the London Government Act 1963, the licence was not thereby transferred to the applicant but was retained by the licence holder until the application for transfer was determined.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so stated when dismissing an appeal by Westminster City Council by way of case stated from Knightsbridge Crown Court (Judge Fingret and justices) which had granted an appeal by James Ronaldson Mackay from his conviction by Horseferry Road Justices for contravening a term of an entertainment licence contrary to paragraph 10(2)(a) of Schedule 12 to the 1963 Act, as substituted by section 3 of the Greater London Council (General Powers) Act 1978.

Mr John McGuinness for the council; Mr Michael Bromley-Martin for the defendant.

MR JUSTICE ASTILL said that an entertainment licence had been granted under paragraph 1 of Schedule 12 to the 1963 Act, in respect of premises in Soho. The defendant applied to the council to have the licence transferred to himself, but before the application could be determined, the licence expired.

Under paragraph 6B of Schedule 12, as inserted by section 4 of the 1978 Act and as amended by section 42 of and Schedule 3 to the Fire Safety and Places of Sport Act 1987, in such circumstances "the licence shall be deemed to remain in force (with any necessary modifications) ... until the determination of the application..."

Following the application certain breaches of the licence occurred and the defendant was charged in relation to those.

The council had argued that the words "with any necessary modifications" in paragraph 6B meant that the applicant for transfer was deemed to be the holder of the licence, and therefore the defendant should be responsible.

In his Lordship's judgment, there would have been a specific deeming provision if the paragraph was intended to transfer responsibilities on to an applicant for transfer of the licence.

Although it was not clear exactly what the words in paragraph 6B did mean, his Lordship was satisfied that they did not carry the meaning contended for by the council.

The responsibilities under the licence remained on the person who was appointed as holder when the licence was granted.

Lord Justice Pill delivered a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Mr Colin T. Wilson, Westminster; Jeffrey Green Russell.

Asylum clarification

In *Regina v Newham London Borough Council, Ex parte Gorenkin* (*The Times* June 9) it should have been made clear that Mr Justice Carnwath went on to say that the council's policy of not providing assistance to single destitute asylum seekers unless they were literally homeless went too far in limiting the scope of assistance. It would be very odd if the council considered someone languishing in a garret as not being in need of care and attention.

One sentence in the council's policy which declared that assistance with accommodation "will only be provided where officers are satisfied that individuals are either without accommodation or are likely to become so imminently" was ultra vires.

Asylum seekers not eligible to receive state benefits were capable of being in need of care and attention and therefore of residential accommodation for the purposes of section 21 of the National Assistance Act 1948 notwithstanding that they currently occupied accommodation. To that extent the relief sought was granted.

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Scheme to vary Trust Deed.

Reference: LB/46384/CD(T)

The Commissioners propose to make a Scheme for this charity. A copy of the draft Scheme can be seen at the Royal National Life-boat Institution, West Quay Road, Poole, Dorset BH15 1HZ (Mr P E Williams), or can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to The Charity Commission, Woodfield House, Tangier, Taunton, Somerset, TA1 4BL, quoting the above reference. Comments or representations can be made within one month from today.

CHARITY COMMISSION

Charity: The Bernhard Baron St George's Jewish Settlement Scheme:

Reference: RWH-73442-CD(Ldn)

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Dated this 9th day of June, 1997.

Bernard P. Harty
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MURPHY, WILLIAM JOSEPH of 21 Gammons Lane, Watford, Hertfordshire, died on 24th December 1996 and whose will was proved in the Principal Registry of the Family Division on 29th day of May 1997 by Mr. Kevin John Morrell executor named in it. Claims to J.W. Godfrey & Co., 136 High Street, Berkhamsted, Herts HP4 3AT by 11th August 1997

No. 002632 1997
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CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
IN THE MATTER OF OCTAVIAN LIMITED
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice on 27 May 1997 for the confirmation of the cancellation of the share premium account of the above named company from £2,715,688 to nil.

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A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

Dated this 10th day of June 1997 Rooks Rider, Challoner House, 19 Clerkenwell Close, London EC1R 0RR, Solicitors for the above named Company Ref: CEC/SMA/OCT. 1-1

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Dated this 10.6.1997

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
MARTINS FINE FOODS LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 24 June 1997 at 62-64 Bromham Road, Bedford MK40 2QG at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington FIPA of 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98 (2) (a) of the said Act who will furnish creditors, free of charge, with such information concerning the Company's affairs as they may reasonably require.

DATED this 20 day of May 1997
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Frank Jones & Harley
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The Insolvency Act 1986
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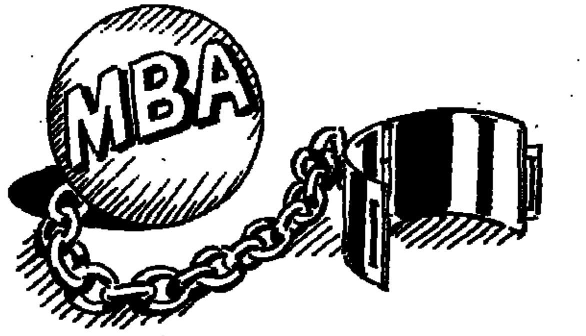

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Where it all goes wrong

John O'Leary analyses an international study of primary school teaching

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Japanese children average two hours' less maths teaching each week than those in Britain, in classes that are larger

Seldom can a piece of research have confirmed as many theories as this week's third International Mathematics and Science Study. It made depressing reading, in maths at least, but next month's analysis of the possible factors behind the results should be even more revealing.

The study, the largest and most reliable of its kind, showed nine-year-olds in Scotland and England languishing in the bottom third for maths of the 26 countries taking part. Like last November's tests of 13-year-olds, the research confirmed a long-suspected weakness in basic numbers work.

Only in geometry did English pupils top the table. In calculations involving whole numbers, English children registered fewer than 60 per cent correct answers, while those in Singapore managed almost 90 per cent.

The tables were turned in the science tests, where the extra time that English schools give the subject and its comparatively late introduction in some countries may have conferred an advantage. Most experts consider the maths results a more accurate benchmark of achievement.

What, then, accounts for Britain's slide down the international league table? Changes in the countries being assessed make it impossible to gauge the steepness of the decline. Nevertheless, the US, Canada and Ireland have all overtaken England since the last survey, in 1991.

Comparisons of teaching methods to be published in next month's report will strengthen the Government's hand in demanding changes in primary teaching. The leading countries are using more whole-class teaching, setting more homework and using calculators less than in England or Scotland.

The jury is out on the effect of class size: countries such as Hungary and Canada, which have smaller classes than England, do achieve better results. But top-rated Singapore has 11 pupils more per class on average and Japan has four more.

Nor is there a straightforward relationship between the amount of time spent on maths and national success in the tests. While Singaporean pupils spend about an hour a week more on the subject than their counterparts in England and Scotland, the Japanese, with nearly two hours' less teaching, do almost as well.

The correlation is much stronger with traditionalist hobbyhorses such as the use of calculators, whole-class teaching and the amount of homework given to pupils. England and (even more so) Scotland are totally out of line with the countries used in the detailed comparisons on the proportion of time spent teaching the whole class.

Even the United States and The Netherlands devote five times more attention to this method of classroom organisation. Despite this, the penchant of British teachers for group work means that the proportion of time spent on individual tuition is lower than in Holland and the US.

The contrast is just as striking in the use of calculators. Effectively denied to nine-year-olds in Singapore and Japan, they were used more than once a week in more than half of the schools in England.

In the setting of homework, too, Britain is out of line with almost all the other nations, the exception being The Netherlands, where most nine-year-olds are not expected to work out of school. The proportion of English pupils set homework at least once a week is half that in Singapore, Hungary and America.

Government advisers will consider that the findings vindicate many of their recent initiatives, especially as most of the issues are common to all subjects. Calculator-free tests have already been introduced, Labour promised homework guidelines for primary schools before the election and the new Literacy Taskforce is certain to base its recommendations on greater use of whole-class teaching.

A Fabian Society seminar held in London this week suggested that there will be no let-up in the requirement for more traditional teaching methods. Though the Government was conscious of the need to raise morale in the teaching profession and keen in theory to give staff more scope to make their own decisions, improving results was the priority. Central direction would be used where particular strategies were shown to work successfully.

Here lies one of the dilemmas facing ministers: their stated aim of combining "pressure and support" for schools is hard to put across successfully when different audiences have to be addressed.

Tuesday's much-trailed proposal for a "literacy hour" in primary schools, for example, was intended to give schools an opportunity to shape a much-needed initiative. By the time the small print of the announcement could be examined, however, the move had been portrayed as a crude response to failure.

HOW DIFFERENT COUNTRIES TEACH MATHS

	Singapore	Japan	Netherlands	Hungary	United States	Canada	Scotland	ENGLAND	Norway
Lesson time hours/week	5.5	3.7	4.7	3.3	4.2	4.4	4.3	4.6	3.0
Average class size	39	32	24	22	24	24	26	28	19
Homework set at least once/week %	98	89	15	99	94	75	59	47	100
Teacher teaches whole class, most/every lesson %	68	78	60	53	54	37	3	11	64
Teacher teaches individuals, most/every lesson %	37	34	56	78	55	49	44	55	77
Pupils use calculators once a week or more %	1	1	4	14	39	29	—	53	1
Children who believe they do well in maths %	77	74	85	84	91	94	90	90	91

Has anyone seen the tombola drum?

Over-excited children, collapsing tents . . . just some of the wonders of the school fête for **Jane French**

A procession of mothers bearing cakes reminds me that it is June, and that the school fête is once more upon us. I find myself frowning. It's not that I do not enjoy such worthy occasions, more that my children enjoy them too much — the journey home invariably involves one feeling sick and the other laughing or crying hysterically. On top of this, there is the baking, which, in my case, usually ends with a last-minute sprint to the shops in search of fruit loaves and chocolate sponges that could conceivably pass for homemade. There are compensations, not least of which is the delicious sense of assuming one's role in a quintessentially English idyll — or fiasco.

It all begins with anxious conversations in the playground as the parents' committee tries to drum up support — then finds itself fending off a series of takeover bids. Accusations fly as the tombola drum goes missing, and is finally discovered at the back of the cleaners' cupboard with last year's takings still inside. Assurances are given concerning safety precautions on the coconut shy, after what happened last year.

For the children, the fête would not be the same without the more active attractions. The ducking stool, especially if the headmaster can be bullied into participation, is always a good earner. And the greasy pole is a perennial source of pleasure, to children and fathers alike. Who could ever forget the year when one of the mothers, in shorts and an inexplicably wet T-shirt, decided to try her hand in this predominantly male preserve? By the time she had consigned one hefty chap to the mattress below, and looked set to do the same to a second, quite a crowd had gathered. Some of the fathers formed a queue and started up a chant. Would the headmaster have to intervene?

The mood changed only with an announcement over the PA system. Perhaps it was the tone of the announcement — commanding, female. Perhaps it was the news it bore — that the few remaining hot dogs, cakes and cream teas were now half-price. In any case, the queue of fathers turned as a body and swarmed across to the tea tent.

Then there was the business with the inflatable maze. For those unacquainted with such new-fangled attractions, an inflatable maze is a primary coloured network of plastic tunnels which billow and sway as you flounder through them. Children are prepared, indeed eager, to hand over their pocket money to be zipped in for several minutes at a time. Hidden from adult eyes, they hurl themselves around, chase one other and settle old scores.

One year, the mother on maze duty found herself confronted by a queue of noticeably larger children than usual. Recognition dawned slowly. The strapping six-footer, the blonde girl with a nose stud and a saxophone, the small boy with a huge cello in tow were all former pupils. Yes, they assured her, they really did want to go into the maze. They paid their money and wriggled in. There were sounds of fevered whispering behind the zippered flap, an outburst of giggling followed by a scuffling noise, then silence.

A heaving bulge in the blue tunnel suddenly alerted the duty-mother to the possibilities it afforded to hormonally charged adolescents. She fast-forwarded the timer and rang its bell.

The school fête: such joy, such anticipation

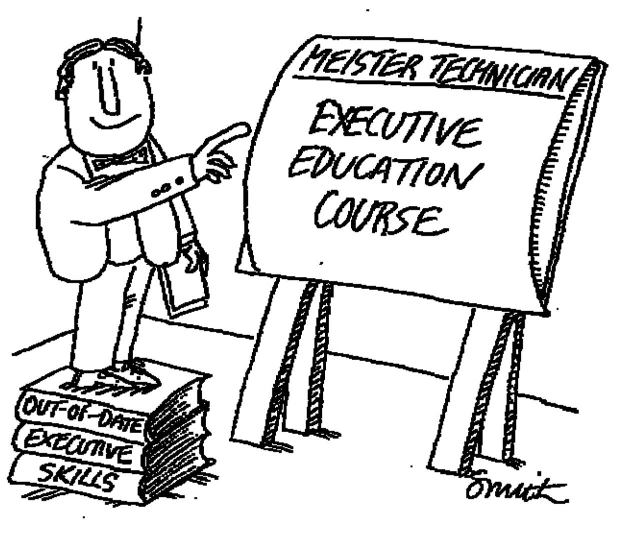
No response. She wondered whether to deflate the maze with the spike on the bottom of the cello. One of the fathers, meanwhile, took action. Unzipping the maze, he bellowed into its vastness: "Sarah, get yourself out of there — now!" A clutch of dishevelled adolescents emerged. Be warned.

By four o'clock, the mother selling ice-creams, who had insisted on remaining in sole charge all day, has been taken home with sunstroke. That is time to put the fête to bed for another year. It is the moment, also, for the good-time parents — who are congenitally averse to folding up trestle tables and carting chairs back to the hall — to make themselves scarce. Little do they realise that they are about to miss one of the highlights of the day, as a bunch of ever-helpful fathers let the tea tent down on top of a group of stragglers still tucking into their strawberries and cream.

Ah well, another point to be borne in mind next year . . .

Scientists and engineers are taking a new look at executive education

When in Wales, do as the Germans do



Germany's vocational courses are the envy of the world and scientists and engineers in Wales are finding out for themselves how good they are.

The *Meister Technician* programme — a system of executive education — has been introduced to Britain by the University of Glamorgan. The year-long programme, which aims to develop company managers, combines seminars and lectures with on-the-job training. The first participants embarked on the course last January. They are all in senior technical positions and have been earmarked by their employers as having managerial potential.

They attend the university for six hours a week, have residential weekend sessions, go on industrial visits and undertake assignments within their companies. The programme is funded by the South Wales' Tecs, the Welsh Development Agency and the European Union, and it costs each participating company only £500.

Peter Lee, managing director of the plastics company Tubex, which has seconded its production manager, Andre Green, to the programme, says: "It is a good skills-based alternative to an MB."

An engineer, Mr Green regards the course as valuable experience, particularly because he is able to update his technical skills as well as obtaining management experience. Mr Green, 34, is specialising in business planning, people management and financial decision-making. And, as he puts it, "by studying a range of topics I'm gaining a broad overview of general management. It is a useful method of enhancing new skills and improving performance."

For Mr Green, who began as an apprentice engineer, the programme will also provide credits towards a degree.

The programme's co-ordinator, David Colebourne, of the university's business school, says: "Anyone who comes onto the programme with an HND will leave with a university degree. So, as well as learning new skills and enhancing their career potential, they will also have a qualification to show for their effort."

Some participants are already graduates. In the case of Carolyn Blosse, 25, a chemical analyst with Minton, Treharne Davies, a Cardiff-based environmental monitoring consultancy, the programme will provide credits towards a masters degree in environmental conservation management.

"The course has broadened my horizons by providing me with a greater understanding of business considerations," she says. "I've already completed a business environment study unit which involved quite detailed financial analysis.

"Having to give a presentation and produce a written document regarding the economics of the company, I gained a valuable insight into an area I knew little about. It's been very interesting to join the commercial and technical worlds together."

The University of Glamorgan embarked on the *Meister Technician* programme in response to a demand for more management training from the South Wales business community. Many companies felt that their technical staff needed to improve their problem-solving, negotiation and leadership skills. They wanted a practical approach rather than the more theoretical MBA.

Mr Colebourne says: "They were looking for the all-round business skills that managers need if their companies are to succeed in a competitive environment. At the same time they wanted to make sure that staff were aware of the latest developments in their technical specialism. That is why we have included technical options that can be tailored to the needs of each participating company."

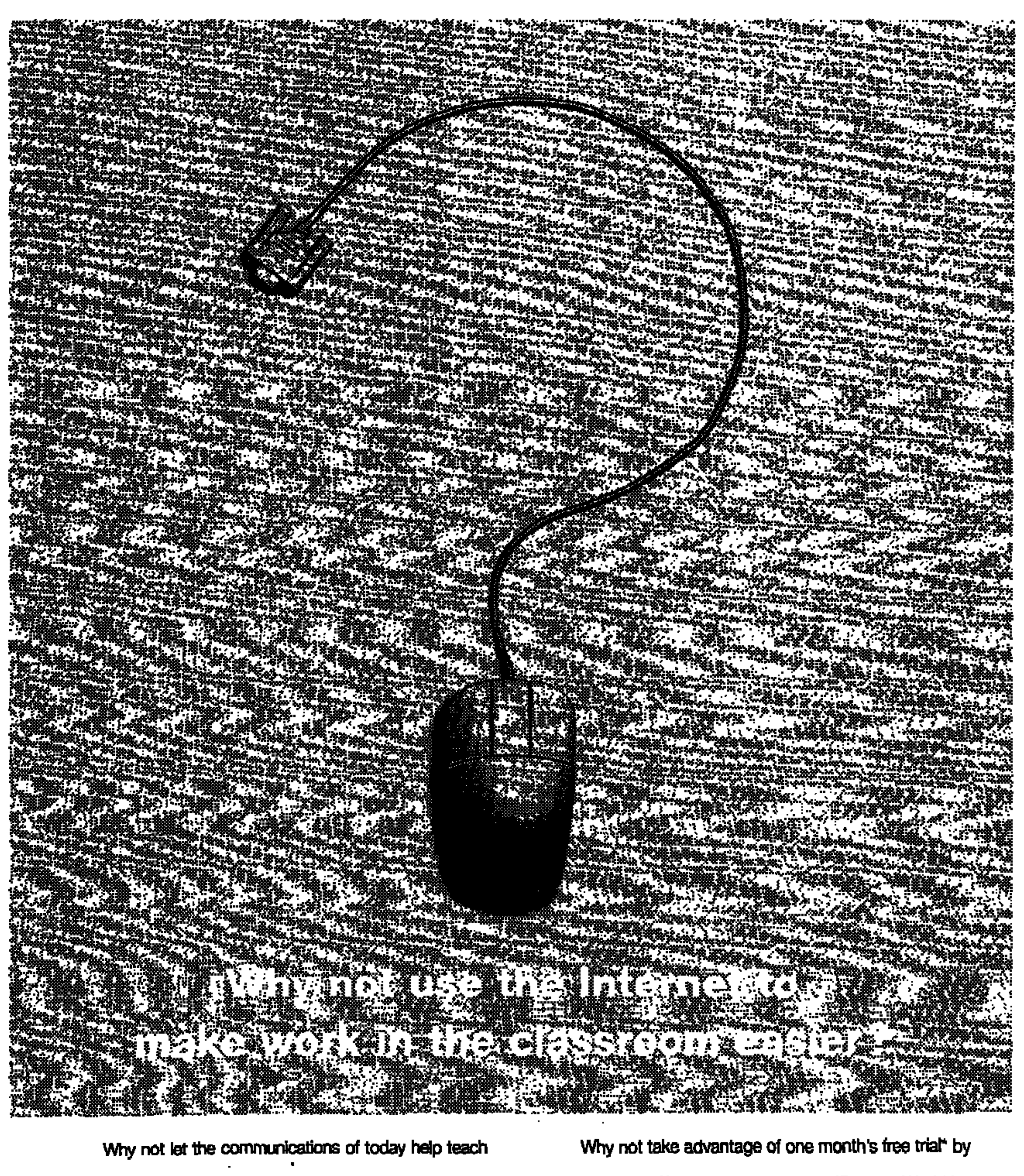
Among the options on offer this year are automation, information technology and product quality and reliability.

Now that the first pilot group of Meister trainees is almost halfway through the course, the university is preparing to welcome a second intake in September. Up to 30 newcomers are expected, with multinationals such as Sony submitting staff for the first time.

The programme is part of the university's commitment to lifelong learning and, according to Mr Colebourne, Glamorgan is determined to improve the business skills of the local workforce.

In the long term, the university hopes that the impact of the *Meister* programme will be felt across the UK. The university is negotiating with Tecs about establishing and funding the programme elsewhere. It plans to franchise the course to universities and Tecs. In that way, more British scientists and engineers will be able to cross the divide to management. And in so doing they will benefit their own careers and lift the competitiveness of British industry.

IOLA SMITH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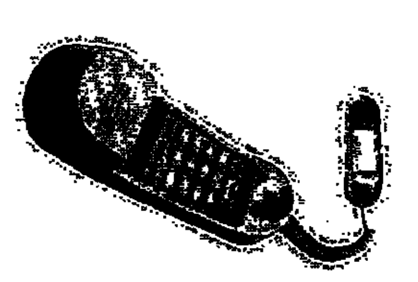

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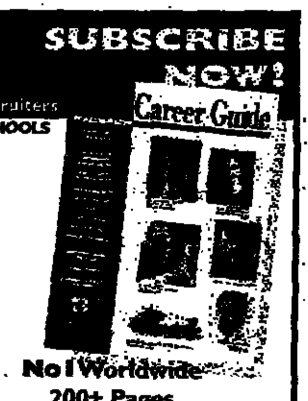

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RUGBY LEAGUE

European role for Deakin

By Christopher Irvine

IN TWO years as marketing executive, Peter Deakin helped transform the stale and conformist Bradford Northern into the dynamic and successful Bradford Bulls. Attendances at Odsal have trebled to more than 15,000 and now his crusading style of promotion is being employed by Rugby League (Europe) to raise the profile of all 12 Super League clubs.

The appointment of Deakin, 43, as the marketing director of RLE — the clubs' promotional arm — is a progressive step. Not all the clubs have embraced summer rugby with Bradford's enthusiasm. "Rather than one club, I'll be selling 12 at a very exciting time for the sport," Deakin said.

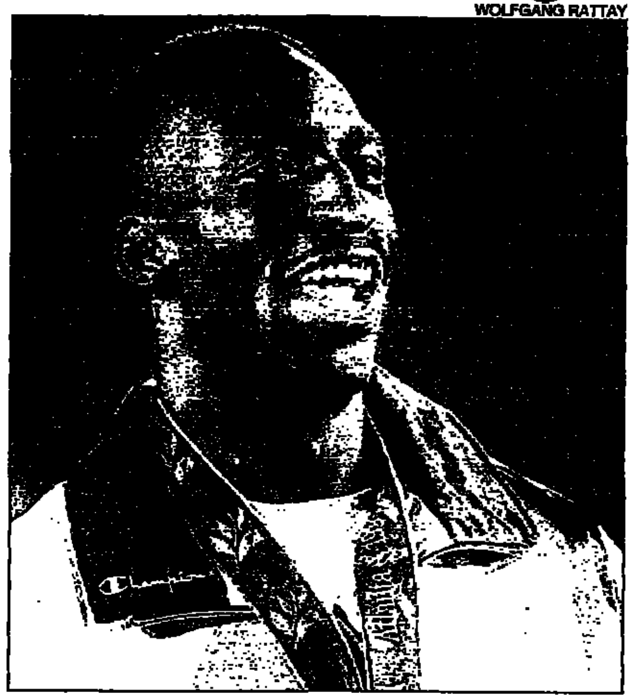
Sonny Nickle and Bernard Dwyer return from injury to the Bradford squad tomorrow for their second world club championship game in pool A against Auckland Warriors.

In the two pool B games today, Leeds hope to give Adelaide a more competitive game than Salford managed last Sunday. Castleford, who yesterday bought Brad Davis, an Australian half back, for an undisclosed fee from Wakefield, entertain Hunter Mariners.

ATHLETICS

Wild card for Johnson may force rule change

By David Powell
Athletics Correspondent


WOLFGANG RATTAY

Johnson, who is injured, might yet defend his world title

GOLD medal-winners from the biennial track and field world championships are likely to be granted an automatic right to defend their titles after the event in Athens in August. Such a move would have to be considered by the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) if USA Track and Field (USATF), the governing body in the United States, succeeds in gaining wild-card entries for leading athletes who are unable to compete in the US trials because of injury.

It has been reported from Indianapolis, where the trials are taking place, that USATF may seek direct entry into the world championships for Michael Johnson, Dan O'Brien, Gwen Torrence and Mike Powell — who are all injured — although they will not be selected for the national team. In the United States, the first three in the trials are named automatically.

Giorgio Reineri, the IAAF spokesman, said yesterday that, while his organisation would do nothing without an official request from USATF, if one was forthcoming, there was a "good possibility" that it would be received favourably. It is Reineri's view that "the IAAF must change the rules to say that a reigning champion has the right to defend a title." Primo Nebiolo, the IAAF president, "is not against this idea", Reineri said.

However, to extend this right now to four Americans, or even one, may be inviting trouble and, if there is a case for Johnson, Torrence and O'Brien, world champions all, there is not for Powell, who is neither Olympic nor world champion. If these athletes are embraced, the United States would have four representatives in their respective events, giving them an unfair advantage. Other countries may then argue that they should be allowed their world champion plus three other athletes.

Roger Black may be the Olympic 400 metres silver medal-winner, but this is evidently not good enough for the promoter of the Nuremburg meeting tonight . Black, who had been hoping to have his first serious run-out this season, has been told he is not wanted.

Black requested a lane six weeks ago. Curiously, other Britons have been accepted, but Black's manager, Michael Whittingham, said Black would simply get on with preparing for the European Cup next week.

SPORTS LETTERS

Phenomenon of football

From Mr John S. Hunter

Sir, There is one factor to add to your scientific explanations (June 5) of Roberto Carlos's goal for Brazil against France, arising from discoveries made by Osborne Reynolds towards the end of the last century.

For a spheroid in flight there is a critical velocity above which the aerodynamic characteristics are greatly enhanced as the drag force is reduced to approximately one quarter. In sport, only footballs are known to benefit from this phenomenon due to the combination of their diameter and their speed in a powerful shot such as the above example.

As the ball slows, it passes through the critical velocity and full drag is effected. Spin imparted to the ball would have effected a parabolic flight path but this will immediately change shape on the ball's speed dropping below the critical velocity. This is why the impression was given in this instance that "the curve became increasingly sharp towards the end".

The goalkeeper, of course, will have picked out the original flight path, hence the success of such shots. The necessity is that these are long-range shots such that the ball's speed does start well above, but late in its flight drops below, the critical velocity.

Yours etc.,
JOHN S. HUNTER,
Department of Sport Sciences,
Brunel University,
Borough Road,
Isleworth,
Middlesex.

Weir latest in a long line

From Mr George Crawford

Sir, The cynical foul which may have ended the rugby career of Doddie Weir received a cynical response from yet another toothless rugby disciplinary tribunal in South Africa (report, June 10). I cannot help but wonder what all the fuss is about, for Weir is only one in a long line of players who have been badly let down by those entrusted with the preservation of a game which has always extolled the virtues of compliance with the laws of the game and good sportmanship.

Is it any wonder, then, that Weir's father has said that "the matter will now have to be taken up with a higher authority," and who can blame him? What he means by higher authority is open to speculation, but since a senior member of the South African RFU, Hennie Erasmus, has stated that "the laws prevented us from suspending the player" one can only assume that Weir and his father will be consulting a member of the legal profession.

Over the years I have complained about players receiving little or no protection on the field from the rugby authorities. When, as a senior police officer and senior referee, I warned them that if we did not sort out the problem of premeditated acts of violence on the field, then the police would become involved, I received a less than enthusiastic response.

It gives me no pleasure to say that, since I made those comments, the police, lawyers and barristers have taken a number of cases to civil and criminal courts, much to the disgust of those who hold positons of high office in the game. Indeed they have continually pleaded with the judicial authorites to be allowed to "police" their own game, but as incident after incident has been whitewashed (and the injury to Weir is only one of many) players have decided to seek their own legal redress.

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE CRAWFORD,
23 Grafton Close
Worcester Park, Surrey.

From Mr David Wood

Sir, In response to Mr David Simpson's letter (June 6) I would remind him of the games the Springboks experienced when they toured Wales in 1995, as well as their games against Western Samoa and Canada in the World Cup, when they were on the receiving end. Foul play is not limited to South Africa, who in recent years have been a tough but fair side and fully deserve their title as world champions.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID WOOD,
71 The Drive Mansions,
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Accord over jumping seat

From Mrs Jane Goldsmith

Sir, To correct any misunderstanding from the article by Jenny MacArthur (June 4), Captain Mark Phillips and I, as chairman of the British Horse Society (BHS) training and education committee, would like to make clear that there has never been any disagreement between us about the establishment of a classical jumping seat [riding position in the saddle]. This reflects policies in the rest of the world, notably the United States, France and Germany.

To launch this initiative in this country the BHS has started a new competition for young riders with the focus on "style" and "effectiveness".

The BHS training and education committee has worked closely in the past with the Pony Club and hopes to continue to do so, even though the Pony Club is now independent from the BHS.

Yours faithfully,
JANE GOLDSMITH,
Chairman, Training and education committee,
The British Horse Society,
British Equestrian Centre,
Stoneleigh Park,
Kenilworth, Warwickshire.

Main function

From Mr Bill Higginson

Sir, As a cricket coach of some 40 years, I should be interested to hear what Graeme Fowler, in his role as coach at the Centre of Excellence at Durham, actually teaches the "lads" in ways of "distracting" batsmen (Extra Cover, June 11)?

Surely he would be better engaged by coaching fielders to concentrate on their main function, ie, to bowl straight, be alert and participate in the true spirit of the game.

Yours faithfully,
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FOOTBALL

Frail France face host of worries

By Oliver Holt, football correspondent

IT WAS after midnight when the France players arrived back at their hotel near the Arc de Triomphe on Wednesday night. Zinedine Zidane, one of the scorers in the draw that evening against Italy, sat slumped on a sofa in the lobby, a scowl on his face. Christophe Dugarry looked glum. Only Ibrahim Ba, who is AC Milan-bound, made it out to a local restaurant and even then he left after ten minutes.

Their collective mood is unlikely to have been improved by a perusal of the French newspapers yesterday morning. "At least we did not finish last," the front page headline of *L'Equipe* said. Inside, the national team's performance during the Tournoi de France was described as "weak and worrying with some embarrassment and only a little pleasure."

For a tournament that was supposed to be meaningless, a sort of logistical dry run for the World Cup finals next year, a chance to indulge in a little experimental frippery, the four-nation competition has ruffled an awful lot of feathers and put pressure on two of the teams at a time *when they can least afford it.*

England were the only unambiguous winners, victors not just of the tournament and through their morale-enhancing wins over Italy and France, but because it allowed them to explore hitherto uncharted territory in terms of personnel.

The discovery of Paul Scholes, the success of David Beckham in central midfield and the continuing emergence of Sol Campbell and Philip Neville were all causes for great optimism.

Brazil were the other beneficiaries. Only in Lyons, where they fought out a thrilling 3-3 draw with Italy, did they scale the peaks usually so comfortably within their range, but they still emerged from the tournament with the only unbeaten record.

Moreover, the manner of their victory against England in the Parc des Princes on Tuesday suggested that they were playing within themselves *as they prepared to take* part in the Copa America. Ronaldo, soon to become the world's most expensive player, was subdued throughout but Romario produced two bravura finishes against Italy and England. Together, when it really matters next summer, it will be a grim struggle to contain them.

By then there may be another Brazilian name to worry about, too. If the full debut of Scholes was invigorating for England, the European introduction of Denilson, a left-sided midfield player chosen in preference to Juninho, was a breathtaking sight. His dribbling was mesmeric, his control a delight. Most who saw him take on Italy left convinced that they had had their first sight of Brazil's next golden talent.

There were no such pluses for France, who went into the tournament well-regarded but emerged from it with their reputation damaged, if not discredited. After the defeat by England in Montpellier, they were cast into agonies of self-introspection about their lack of attacking strength and the future of Youri Djorkaeff, their inside forward, was said to be under review. Suddenly, *it seems playing on home soil* next summer may become a psychological disadvantage for them.

The biggest losers, though, were Italy, who not only finished without a victory but lost dismally to England, their World Cup qualifying rivals. The tournament robbed them of the momentum that they had built up during their qualifying campaign and may affect them adversely in their next match, an awkward trip to Georgia.

The unrestrained joy with which the Italy coach, Cesare Maldini, greeted Alessandro Del Piero's last-minute penalty equaliser against France, and his animated antics on the touchline, showed just how keenly he had felt the loss of his undefeated record as the national coach during the Tournoi. To add to his problems, he seemed undecided on who best to pair with Del Piero in attack.

To cap off the coach's tournament, he returned to Italy yesterday to be confronted by a newspaper advertisement placed by Del Piero's sponsor, Adidas, alluding to the Juventus forward's absence from the national team for much of this year. "Only one man can stop him scoring," the advertisement said. "Cesare Maldini."

Suddenly, England's prospects in their World Cup qualifying showdown with Italy in Rome in October have begun to look a little brighter.

FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	3	2	0	1	3	1	6
Brazil	3	1	2	0	5	4	5
France	3	0	2	1	3	4	2
Italy	3	0	2	1	5	7	2

RESULTS: France 1 Brazil 1; England 2 Italy 0. France 0 England 1; Italy 3 Brazil 3; England 0 Brazil 1; France 2 Italy 2.

MICHEL EULER

Scholes, left, and Denilson, the Brazilian, were two of the Tournoi's successes

Liverpool raise stakes for Ince

By David Maddock and Russell Kempson

PAUL INCE, the England international, is considering an offer from Liverpool that would make him the highest paid player at Anfield. Ince has been involved in extensive negotiations with the Merseyside club and, after further talks yesterday, they outbid Internazionale, Ince's present club, who wish him to remain in Italy.

Inter have offered a new two-year contract worth in excess of £1 million a year. Liverpool, though, have increased their initial offer to £5 million over four seasons, plus bonuses.

They can do so because Ince has negotiated a cut-price fee with Inter should he leave. The midfield player will cost £3.5 million, therefore making the total package almost respectable in today's terms.

Liverpool have been keen on Ince for some time and their desire to secure his services has been heightened recently by his continuing importance to England and by the fact that they have lost Jamie Redknapp through injury for at least six months, after the player broke his ankle playing for England.

Ince, 29, will return to Milan this evening to join his club for a tour to Thailand and will announce his decision when he returns. Liverpool and Inter apart, Newcastle, Chelsea, Everton and Leeds United *have all made offers* for the player's services.

Arsenal are continuing their attempts to sign Marc Overmars, the Holland and Ajax winger. Although the clubs are still apart in their valuation of the player — Arsenal are offering £5 million, Ajax want £7 million — Arsène Wenger, the Arsenal manager, is hoping to persuade Overmars to agree personal terms. If successful, he will then haggle over the fee.

Overmars, who has also been courted by Real Betis, of Spain, is believed to be travelling to London for discussions with Wenger and David Dein, the Arsenal vice-chairman, this weekend.

Tommy Burns, the former Celtic manager, has joined Kenny Dalglish's coaching staff at Newcastle United. His decision spelt disappointment for Reading, the Nationwide League first division club, who had offered Burns £150,000 a year to take over as manager at Elm Park.

"The Newcastle offer kept niggling away at me and I'm sorry to have to let Reading down. They conducted everything with dignity and showed me great kindness," Burns said.

Jim Leighton, the Scotland goalkeeper, has moved from Hibernian to Aberdeen on a three-year contract, rejoining the club where he started his career 19 years ago.

The FA Premier League announced yesterday that it is to contribute £20 million over the next four years towards coaching *and development* initiatives at Nationwide League clubs. The English Sports Council is to give the same amount from its lottery fund.

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Cleveland 4 Milwaukee 3 (11 inns) Detroit 4 Oakland 2. New York Yankees 7 Chicago 5; Seattle 5 Toronto 1. Kansas City 6 Anaheim 1. Texas 9 Minnesota 6. Boston 10 Baltimore 1

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Florida 6 San Francisco 3; Cincinnati 2 Pittsburgh 1. Montreal 4 Philadelphia 3. Chicago Cubs 5 New York Mets 4 Colorado 9 Atlanta 6; Los Angeles 10 Houston 5 St Louis 8 San Diego 3

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Finals: Chicago 90 Utah 88 (Chicago lead best-of-seven series 3-2)

BOWLS

EWBA INTER-COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP (Johns Trophy) **Second round:** Cumbria bt Nottinghamshire 121-108, Yorkshire bt Lincolnshire 128-114. Norfolk bt Bedfordshire 129-108. Oxfordshire bt Huntingdonshire 141-107. Wiltshire bt Cornwall 130-116 Somerset bt Hampshire 140-104. Surrey bt Essex 129-111. Middlesex bt Kent 118-105 **Quarter-final draw:** Cumbria v Yorkshire; Norfolk v Oxfordshire; Wiltshire v Somerset; Surrey v Middlesex.

EBA TOP FOUR CHAMPIONSHIP: S Fercher, J Sussex, B Jenkins, W Richards (Surrey) bt P Burcher, G Charlton, G Smith, A Thomson (Kent) 19-18 (after extra end)

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE LADIES BA NATIONAL PLAY-OFFS: Semi-finals: Triples: Wingrave (J Roberts) bt Burnham (J Plater) 18-9, Marlow (L Thelwell) bt Chandos Park (J Sharp) 18-9 **Fours:** Burnham (M Price) bt Princes Risborough (J Donaldson) 23-10, Marlow (L Felwell) bt Gerrards Cross (P Armstrong) 24-13

CRICKET

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of three): **Ammanford:** Glamorgan 183 (R T Bates 5-58). Nottinghamshire 28-0. **Cheam:** Worcestershire 382-9 (V Solanki 112, J R A Williams 108): Surrey 4-91 (R W Nowell) **Finchampstead:** Hampshire 314 (M Garaway 136), Northamptonshire 72-1 **Wickford:** Leicester 219-8 (C D Crowe 63, J Ormond 67) v Essex. **Southport:** Lancashire 45 (B David 5-21, D Forder 4-23). Gloucestershire 113-7 (G Yates 5-35)

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Hurst CC (final day of two): Berkshire 252-6 and 197-7 (D L Bowett 4-48) Shropshire 179 and 77-5 Match drawn Berkshire 7pts Shropshire 4

THE PARKS: (second day of three) Oxford University 282-9 dec and 65-6, Combined Services 199 (R Beeston 61, M Mwanga 4-65).

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Clifton 152-9 * Taunton 153-0, Haberdashers' Aske's 185-7 dec * Walford 120-8; King's Macclesfield 117 Nottingham HS 77, St Edwards, Oxford 215-8 dec * Bedford 218-5. * St Joseph's Ipswich 197-9 Culford 189-3, Wellington 243-9 * Harrow 154-8.

* denotes home side.

CYCLING

DAUPHINE LIBÉRÉ: Third stage (Le-Puy-en-Velay to Beaumes-de-Venise, 208km) 1. D Abduzhaparov (Uzb, Lotto) 5hr 28min 8sec, 2. G Lombardi (It, Telekom); 3. D Nazon (Fr, Francaise des Jeux). 4. P Gaumont (Fr, Cofidis). 5. A Baffi (It, US Postal). 6. G Fraser (Can, Mutuelle de Seine-et-Marne); 36, C Boardman (GB, GAN) all same time. Leading overall positions: 1. V Yekimov (Russ, US Postal) 16hr 3min 8sec; 2. A Zülle (Switz, ONCE) at 12sec; 3, A Olano (Sp, Banesto) 15sec, 4, L Brochard (Fr, Festina) 17. 5. M Boogerd (Holl, Rabobank) 20; 6, C Moreau (Fr, Festina) 20, 32, Boardman 49

FOOTBALL

Wednesday's late results

TOURNOI DE FRANCE: France 2 Italy 2 (at Parc de Princes, Paris)

WORLD CUP: European qualifying group eight: Iceland 0 Lithuania 0 (in Reykjavik). Asia zone: Group two: Kyrgyzstan 2 Syria 1, Iran 9 Maldives 0 (both in Tehran) Group nine: Pakistan 0 Kazakhstan 7 (in Lahore)

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: Qualifying group eight: Iceland 0 Lithuania 2 (in Reykjavik)

COPA AMERICA: First round: Group A: Paraguay 1 Chile 0; Argentina 0 Ecuador 0 (both at Cochabamba, Bolivia).

GLIDING

SYERSTON: National 15m championship: Third day (173km tri. no completions of 49) 1, B Marsh (LS8) 136km, 359pts; equal 2, D Watt (LS6C) and J Edyvean (LS6) 127.3, 320; equal 4. P Coward (LS8) and T Scott (LS8) 126.3, 316 6. P Crabb (LS8) 121.3, 295. 7. R Cheetham (LS8) 121.2, 294 8. G Smith (LS7) 120.9, 293. 9. M Jordy (LS6C) 119.6, 287. 10. A Kay (Ventus 2) 117.2, 270 Leading overall positions: 1, Kay 2,256pts, 2, S Jones (Ventus 2) 2,210; 3. Watt 2,195; 4. M Young (LS8) 2,069. 5, Coward 2,054. 6. Scott 2,043; 7, P Crabb 1,918. 8 P Jeffery (LS8) 1,902. 9. M Dawson (Ventus) 1,894; 10. G Morris (ASW20) 1,780

RUGBY LEAGUE

MELBOURNE: State of Origin series: New South Wales 15 Queensland 14 (New South Wales lead 2-0 in three-match series).

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCH. Gauteng Lions 14 British Isles XV 20 (at Ellis Park, Johannesburg).

SPEEDWAY

PREMIER LEAGUE: Long Eaton 51 (M Dixon 13, B Werner 12, C Stonehewer 11) Oxford 38 (P Berge 11, N Tatum 10).

POOLE: Battle of Britain Trophy: 1. C Boyce (Poole); 2, Z Tesar (Peterborough); 3, S Wilson (Coventry), 4, L Gunnestad (Poole)

SQUASH

CAIRO: Al-Ahram international championships: Men: First round: J White (Aus) bt D Ryan (Ire) 15-17, 15-14, 15-9, 16-17, 15-12; D Harris (Eng) beat M Morsi (Egypt) 15-3, 12-15, 15-7, 15-9; Zubair Jahan (Pak) bt M Heath (Scot) 9-15, 7-15, 15-7, 15-10, 15-12; P Nicol (Scot) bt D Evans (Wales) 15-13, 15-7, 15-7, P Marshall (Eng) bt T Hands (Eng) 15-9, 15-13, 15-11; A Barada (Egypt) bt S Casteleyn (Bel) 15-9, 15-10, 15-8; D Jenson (Aus) bt A Shabana (Egypt) 15-12, 15-6, 15-12; R Eyles (Aus) bt C Wapnick (SA) 11-15, 15-11, 15-12, 15-12 Women: Qualifying finals: J Martin (Eng) bt S Shabana (Egypt) 9-7, 9-1, 9-0; R Grinham (Aus) bt N Tippett (Aus) 9-2, 9-2, 9-0; N Grainger (SA) bt L Joyce (NZ) 10-8, 10-8, 10-8; P Beams (NZ) bt C Venter (SA) 0-9, 6-9, 9-6, 9-7, 9-6.

SWIMMING

GLASGOW: Scottish national championships: Men: Freestyle: 100m: 1, G Meadows (GB squad) 52.28sec; 2, F Dunlop (Stirling Students) 52.51. 3, J Salter (GB squad) 52.52. Breaststroke: 200m: 1, R Maden (GB squad) 2min 21.15sec, 2, A Turner (GB squad) 2:24.85; 3, C Shaw (Edinburgh) 2:27.85 Butterfly: 50m: 1, J Hickman (GB squad) 25.57sec, 2, C Black (Arbroath) 26.18, 3, G Walker (Bangor) 26.19 Medley: 200m: 1, J Hickman (GB squad) 2min 6.74sec, 2, Turner 2:06.94; 3, E Clement (GB squad) 2:09.65 Women: Freestyle: 100m: 1, K Pickering (GB squad) 57.23sec; 2, C Huddart (GB squad) 57.54, 3. A Sheppard (Milngavie and Bearsden) 57.74 Breaststroke: 200m: 1, B Robertson (Aberdeen) 2min 39.72sec; 2, C McPherson (Tayside) 2:46.13; 3, C Bruce (Aberdeen) 2:48.59 Butterfly: 50m: 1, C Foot (GB squad) 28.39sec; 2, K Martin (Stirling Students) 29.08; 3, D Hinsley (Bradford) 29.88. Medley: 200m: 1, S Rolph (GB squad) 2min 21.69sec; 2, S Nesbit (GB squad) 2:23.51, 3, K Orr (Edinburgh) 2:24.65 4 x 200m freestyle relay: 1, Edinburgh 8:54.54sec, 2, REN 66 9:00.05, 3, Aberdeen 9:14.54

TENNIS

QUEEN'S CLUB: Stella Artois tournament (GB unless stated): Second round: J Courier (US) bt D Nainkin (SA) 6-3, 6-2; J Bjorkman (Swe) bt L Herrera (Mex) 7-5, 7-5 Third round: M Philippoussis (Aus) bt B Black (Zim) 6-3, 6-3; G Ivanisevic (Cro) bt M Lee 6-1, 7-5; G Rusedski bt S Draper (Aus) 6-3, 6-2, J Golmard (Fr) bt J-P Fleurian (Fr) 2-6, 6-1, 6-4, J Knippschild (Ger) bt T Henman 7-6, 6-3; Bjorkman bt S Simian (Fr) 6-4, 7-5; P Sampras (US) w/o B Steven (NZ) scr. P Rafter (Aus) bt Courier 4-6, 6-3, 6-3

BOLOGNA: Men's tournament: Second round: K Alami (Mor) bt Q Muñoz (Sp) 3-6, 6-0, 6-3; H Arazi (Mor) bt O Gross (Ger) 1-6, 6-1, 6-3.

EDGBASTON: DFS Classic women's tournament (GB unless stated) Second round: C Torrens-Valero (Sp) bt A Fusai (Fr) 6-3, 6-2, N Zvereva (Bela) bt K-A Guse (Aus) 6-2, 6-4; M Oremans (Holl) bt M Serna (Sp) 6-2, 6-0, O Barabanschikova (Bela) bt D Chladkova (Cz) 7-6, 4-6, 9-7 Third round: I Spirlea (Rom) bt N Arendt (US) 6-3, 6-4; D van Roost (Bel) bt G Helgeson-Nielsen (US) 6-2, 6-4, K Kunce (Aus) bt A-G Sidot (Fr) 6-4, 6-2. L Raymond (US) bt Oremans 6-3, 7-6

CHEPSTOW

THUNDERER

6.40 Knobbleeneeze. 7.10 Ginny Wossername. 7.40 Ridaiyma. 8.10 Roufontaine. 8.40 The Rich Man. 9.10 Flying Harold.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

DRAW: 6F-7F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

6.40 ORSINO AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP
(£2,402: 7f 16yd) (12 runners)

1 0300 KNOBBLEENEEZE 9 (V,D,F,G,S) M Channon 7-12-0 C Vigors 5
2 -021 STACKATTACK 13 (D,F) Mrs J Ramsden 4-11-1 Miss E Ramsden (3) 12
3 0020 CAUDILLO 11 (G) Mrs P Dutfield 4-10-13 L Jefford 2
4 -004 FLYING PENNANT 13 (D,F) J Bradley 4-10-12 O McPhail (3) 11
5 0615 FINSBURY FLYER 17 (CD,G,S) R Hodges 4-10-10 J Tizzard 4
6 5-00 COASTGUARDS HERO 23 (G) M Usher 4-10-5 E James 1
7 5612 BELLAS GATE BOY 6 (D,F) J Pearce 5-10-2 Mrs L Pearce 9
8 0-04 EVERSET 14 (D,F,G,S) A Bailey 9-9-13 Miss A Hutchinson (5) 10
9 0040 ASTERIX 9 (B,C,D,BF,F,G) J Bradley 9-9-7 Miss V Roberts (3) 3
10 0-36 LOVE LEGEND 13 (V,CD,F,G,S) D Arbuthnot 12-9-7 Mrs D Arbuthnot 8
11 0000 INDIAN WOLF 45 B Llewellyn 4-9-7 Miss M Coombe 7
12 -000 FIRST MAN 14 (B) B Llewellyn 3-9-7 Miss E J Jones 6

4-1 Stackattack, 9-2 Finsbury Flyer, Bellas Gate Boy, 7-1 Knobbleeneeze, 10-1 Flying Pennant, Asterix, Love Legend. 12-1 others

7.10 SECOND SEVERN CROSSING CLAIMING STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,56: 7f 16yd) (11)

1 1005 EFFERVESCENCE 30 (D,G) R Hannon 9-7 R Hughes 7
2 0-0 BEVELED CRYSTAL 16 C James 8-10 N Varley 9
3 4064 BLAZING CASTLE 9 (F) W G M Turner 8-9 D McGaffin (7) 4
4 0604 FEEL A LINE 4 (B) B Meehan 8-7 J F Egan 6
5 -040 PRINCE OF FORTUNE 14 M Blanshard 8-7 N Adams 11
6 JUST SIDIUM C Hill 8-6 R Price 5
7 MOREDUN I Balding 8-5 B Doyle 3
8 GRACE J Bradley 8-4 J Fowle (7) 2
9 36-0 GINNY WOSSERNAME 39 (B,D,G) M Meade 8-2 F Norton 1
10 NIKKI STAR C Hill 7-12 A Polli (5) 10
11 0 PROSPERING 35 J G Smyth-Osbourne 7-12 J Lowe 8

11-4 Effervescence, 4-1 Blazing Castle, 5-1 Moredun, 7-1 others.

7.40 FRIDAY NIGHT MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O fillies. £3,534: 1m 4f 23yd) (5)

1 5 DANCING FEATHER 17 B Hills 8-11 M Hills 1
2 6-5 IKHTISAR 10 P Walwyn 8-11 R Hughes 3
3 04 JUDE 20 P Cole 8-11 J Bosley (7) 4
4 3-2 MELODICA 20 M Stoute 8-11 D Harrison 5
5 3 RIDAIYMA 27 L Cumani 8-11 J Weaver 2

6-4 Melodica, 11-4 Ridaiyma, 3-1 Dancing Feather, 6-1 Jude, 12-1 Ikhtisar

8.10 ROUND COURSE HANDICAP
SKY

(£3,579: 1m 2f 36yd) (5)

1 -612 ROUFONTAINE 18 (CD,F,G,S) W Muir 6-9-11 M Hills 2
2 0-00 TREMPLIN 7 (D,BF,S) N Callaghan 5-9-10 R Hughes 5
3 2213 PREMIER GENERATION 14 (D,S) D Arbuthnot 4-9-6 S Whitworth 4
4 1502 ANAK-KU 13 (D,G,S) Miss G Kelleway 4-9-1 J Weaver 1
5 60-4 MONUMENT 20 (D,F) J King 5-8-12 B Doyle 3

9-4 Premier Generation, 11-4 Tremplin, 3-1 Monument, 7-2 Roufontaine, 8-1 Anak-Ku

8.40 EBF NOVICE STAKES
SKY

(2-Y-O: £3,207: 6f 16yd) (5)

1 31 BLAKESET 57 (F) R Hannon 9-4 R Hughes 5
2 3 INDIAN MISSILE 23 J Dunlop 8-12 B Doyle 1
3 SANTA COURT R Dickin 8-12 J Weaver 2
4 3 THE RICH MAN 25 B Hills 8-12 M Hills 3
5 DOWNCLOSE DUCHESS M Blanshard 8-7 J Quinn 4

4-5 Blakeset, 5-2 Indian Missile, 11-2 The Rich Man, 12-1 Santa Court, 25-1 Downclose Duchess.

9.10 ALVESTON MAIDEN HANDICAP
SKY

(£3,227: 6f 16yd) (15)

1 0000 CLASSIC LEADER 32 (V) I Campbell 4-10-0 R Price 6
2 -406 SAXON BAY 25 K Cunningham-Brown 5-9-7 B Doyle 9
3 -005 CHLOE NICOLE 21 P Cole 3-9-1 C Rutter 10
4 0-00 ALPINE MUSIC 21 J Bradley 3-8-10 J Weaver 3
5 2046 SODA 39 J Spearing 3-8-9 S Drowne 14
6 0-00 HOMESTEAD 15 R Hannon 3-8-8 W J O'Connor 11
7 4432 FLYING HAROLD 7 M Channon 4-8-5 P P Murphy (3) 4
8 2-35 MIKE'S DOUBLE 63 Miss G Kelleway 3-8-4 J F Egan 5
9 00-0 BAIRN ATHOLL 14 R Hodges 4-8-3 N Varley 2
10 3600 SHARP HOLLY 10 J Bennett 5-8-1 Sophie Mitchell 7
11 600- ROYAL INTRUSION 263 R Hodges 4-8-0 F Norton 1
12 0-00 DORADO BEACH 16 L Cottrell 3-8-0 J Quinn 12
13 00-4 PRIORY GARDENS 17 J Bradley 3-7-10 J Fowle (7) 13
14 /0-0 PARELLIE 163 C Hill 4-7-10 N Adams 15
15 0000 SEVERN MILL 2 J Bradley 6-7-10 J Lowe 8

4-1 Flying Harold, 5-1 Mike's Double, 6-1 Priory Gardens, 8-1 Chloe Nicole, Soda, Homestead, 12-1 Classic Leader. 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: L Cumani, 6 winners from 11 runners, 54.5%; M Stoute, 9 from 23, 39.1%, B Hills, 6 from 22, 27.3%; D Arbuthnot, 8 from 36, 22.2%, B Meehan, 4 from 24, 16.7%; W Muir, 5 from 34, 14.7%.

JOCKEYS: Mrs D Arbuthnot, 3 winners from 6 rides, 50.0%, S Whitworth, 9 from 55, 16.4%, R Hughes, 6 from 38, 15.8%; M Hills, 4 from 27, 14.8%; T Quinn, 9 from 73, 12.3%.

Blinkered first time

CHEPSTOW: 6.40 First Man. SOUTHWELL: 2.30 Avanti Blue 4.40 Tovanch. YORK: 4.10 Iechyd-Da, Sun Alert.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

Would you open the South hand with One Club or Two No-Trump? Since you have such an easy rebid (Two Spades over One Diamond or One Heart), I think One Club is impeccable, but at one table in the multi-teams event at the Forbo tournament in The Hague, South opened Two No-Trumps and an unrevealing auction saw him arrive in Three No-Trumps.

Dealer South **North-South game** **IMPs**

North:
♠K42
♥Q1073
♦982
♣J73

West:
♠Q9
♥AJ84
♦K643
♣642

East:
♠10863
♥K92
♦J1075
♣85

South:
♠AJ75
♥65
♦AQ
♣AKQ109

Contract: Three No-Trumps by South. Lead: six of clubs

Declarer's approach was to win in dummy and lead a low spade to the jack and queen. Back came a second club, and he ran the clubs, played the ace of spades and a spade to the king, and when that suit did not behave, he took a diamond finesse. When this lost he considered himself unlucky.

Can you see the textbook solution? Win the first club in hand and play the ace of spades, and a spade to the king. Then play a third spade towards the jack. As the cards lie this makes nine tricks easily. You might object that this line gives up a trick unnecessarily if the queen of spades is onside, but the point is that you need only one extra spade trick for the contract, and that is the best way to get it — you fail only if West has Q x x x.

☐ The European championships begin in Montecatini, Italy, tomorrow. The British Open team is: Jason and Justin Hackett, Gerald and Stuart Tredinnick, Gus Calderwood and Dick Shek, captain Tony Priday, coach David Burn. The women's team is: Pat Davies and Nicola Smith, Heather Dhondy and Liz McGowan, Michele Handley and Sandra Landy, captain Jimmie Arthur.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

BROGGER
a. An agent
b. Part of a Bofors Gun
c. Brown bread at Clare

SPRAGGER
a. A fox-hunt servant
b. Hairspray at Trinity
c. A brakeman

BLAGGER
a. A Cheltenham Ladies' blazer
b. A robber
c. A tedious orator

SQUEGGER
a. A marsupial
b. A Haileybury squeegee
c. An oscillator

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KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene, chess correspondent

Black day

The opening round of the Novgorod tournament was a disaster for the players of the black pieces. Nigel Short used to Evgeny Bareev, Veselin Topalov succumbed to Kramnik's passed pawn, while Kasparov, showing little sign of his recent battering by Deep Blue, won a complicated game against Boris Gelfand.

White: Garry Kasparov
Black: Boris Gelfand
Novgorod, June 1997

Queen's Indian Defence

1	d4	Nf6
2	c4	e6
3	Nf3	b6
4	g3	Ba6
5	b3	d5
6	Bg2	dxc4
7	Ne5	Bb4+
8	Kf1	Bd6
9	Nxc4	Nd5
10	e4	Ne7
11	Bb2	Nbc6
12	Nbd2	0-0
13	Kg1	e5
14	Nxd6	cxd6
15	h4	Qb6
16	h5	h6
17	d5	Na5
18	Nf1	b4
19	Bd4	Qa5
20	Ne3	Rac8
21	Rh4	Rc7
22	Qd2	Rc3
23	Bxc3	bxc3
24	Qd4	exd5
25	exd5	Qc7
26	Qd1	Rc8
27	Be4	Qb6
28	Rf4	Bb7
29	Rc1	Qa5
30	Rc2	Kh8
31	Bg2	Ba6
32	Ra4	Qb6
33	Nc4	Bxc4
34	bxc4	Nf5
35	Rxc3	Nd4
36	c5	Rxc5
37	Qxd4	Black resigns

White: Vladimir Kramnik
Black: Veselin Topalov
Novgorod, June 1997

King's Indian Defence

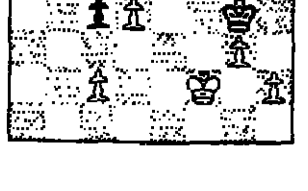
1	Nf3	Nf6
2	c4	g6
3	Nc3	Bg7
4	e4	d6
5	d4	0-0
6	Be2	e5
7	0-0	Na6
8	Be3	Ng4
9	Bg5	f6
10	Bc1	Kh8
11	h3	Nh6
12	dxe5	dxe5
13	Qxd8	Rxd8
14	Be3	Be6
15	a3	Nf7
16	b4	c6
17	Rfd1	Rxd1+
18	Rxd1	Nc7
19	Nd2	Bf8
20	Rb1	b6
21	c5	b5
22	a4	bxa4
23	Nxa4	f5
24	exf5	gxf5
25	Nc4	Nd5
26	Bd2	e4
27	Na5	Rc8
28	Ba6	Rc7
29	Nc3	Nxc3
30	Bxc3+	Bg7
31	Bd2	Ba2
32	Rc1	Be5
33	Nc4	Bxc4
34	Bxc4	Kg7
35	b5	cxb5
36	Bxb5	Bd4
37	c6	Kf6
38	Rd1	Be5
39	Ba5	Re7
40	Bc4	f4
41	Rd7	Black resigns

☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Lalic — Kengis, Pula 1997. White has driven the black king more than halfway up the board. How did he now deliver a quick checkmate?



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FIXTURES

CRICKET

Tetley's Challenge Series
11.0, final day of three
TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v Australians

Britannic Assurance county championship
11.0, second day of four, 104 overs minimum
CARDIFF: Glamorgan v Middlesex
BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Worcestershire
BASINGSTOKE: Hampshire v Somerset
OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Kent
THE OVAL: Surrey v Yorkshire
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Derbyshire
Noon
HOVE: Sussex v Essex

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (final day of three) **Abbotsholme School, Rocester:** Derbyshire v Middlesex. **Wickford:** Essex v Leicestershire **Ammanford:** Glamorgan v Nottinghamshire **Finchampstead:** Hampshire v Northamptonshire **Southport:** Lancashire v Gloucestershire **Cheam:** Surrey v Worcestershire **Griff and Coton:** Warwickshire v Durham **York:** Yorkshire v Sussex

RUGBY LEAGUE

Super League Visa world club championship
Pool B
Adelaide v Leeds (11.30am)
Castleford v Hunter Mariners (7.30)

First division
Hull v Dewsbury (8.0)

OTHER SPORT

ATHLETICS: International match: Estonia v England (in Tallinn)
EQUESTRIANISM: Bramham three-day event
GOLF: De Vere Seniors Classic (Belton Woods, Lincolnshire). British women's amateur championship (at Cruden Bay)
SWIMMING: Scottish national championships (at Glasgow)
TENNIS: Stella Artois tournament (at Queen's Club, London). DFS Classic women's tournament (at Edgbaston).

MARKET RASEN

THUNDERER

6.50 Bay Fair. 7.20 Rusty Blade. 7.50 Royal York. 8.20 Acajou III. 8.50 Tapatch. 9.20 North Bear.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES) SIS

6.50 ST BARNABAS SELLING HURDLE
(£1,898: 2m 1f 110yd) (6 runners)

1 412- HEVER GOLF DIAMOND 14 (B,F,G) J R Best 4-11-8 Mr P O'Keeffe (7)
2 /P6- PHARGOLD 18 (D,F) J A Harris 8-11-6 Mr M Mackley (7)
3 324- CAUGHT AT LAST 17 Mrs M Reveley 6-10-13 G Lee (3)
4 500- BAY FAIR 13 M R Bosley 5-10-8 R Dunwoody
5 24- SHEEMORE 18 M Hammond 4-10-6 R Garritty
6 43-5 QUEEN'S COUNSEL 7 Miss M Milligan 4-10-3 B Storey

5-2 Hever Golf Diamond, 3-1 Caught At Last, Sheemore, 4-1 Bay Fair, 7-1 Queen's Counsel 10-1 Phargold

7.20 LINCOLNSHIRE ECHO HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,743: 3m 1f) (6)

1 132- NORDIC VALLEY 15 (F,G,S) M Pipe 6-11-10 A P McCoy
2 162- SUPPOSIN 20 (D,F,G,S) Mrs S Smith 9-11-10 R Guest
3 2P1- RAGLAN ROAD 18 (D,F,G,S) Miss A Embiricos 13-11-9 K Gaule
4 32-1 REBEL KING 8 (F,G) M Barnes 7-11-4 (6ex) B Storey
5 23-2 RUSTY BLADE 8 (G) P Monteith 8-10-13 R Johnson
6 6P0- MISCHIEVOUS GIRL 20 (F) R Tate 9-10-3 Mrs F Needham

9-4 Nordic Valley, 11-4 Rebel King, 9-2 Raglan Road, Rusty Blade, 11-2 others Supposin, 33-1 Mischievous Girl

7.50 ROSELAND SUMMER FESTIVAL HANDICAP HURDLE
(£8,637. 2m 1f 110yd) (13)

1 010- NON VINTAGE 6F (CD,G,S) M Chapman 6-11-10 W Worthington
2 FP5- SUIVEZ 41 (CD,F,G,S) Mrs N Macauley 7-11-4 Mr C Bonner (3)
3 552- SARMATIAN 20 (F,G) M Hammond 6-10-11 N Horrocks (7)
4 211- EMBANKMENT 34 (D,F,G) N Henderson 7-10-8 M A Fitzgerald
5 131- KIMMESCASH 18 (D,F,S) P Bowen 4-10-8 R Dunwoody
6 211/ WELSH MILL 28F (G,S) Mrs M Reveley 8-10-6 P Niven
7 130- GLENUGIE 20 (D,F,S) G M Moore 6-10-6 D Bentley
8 /2P- KING ATHELSTAN 13F (BF,F,G,S) B McMahon 9-10-6 S Ryan (5)
9 11-1 TEEJAY'N'AITCH 7 (F,G,S) J Goldie 5-10-6 (6ex) S Taylor (5)
10 6P2- MIDNIGHT JAZZ 89 (G) N Littmoden 7-10-2 R Johnson
11 .3P- COLOSSUS OF ROADS 97 (BF,F,G) T Thomson Jones 8-10-0 N Williamson
12 311- ROYAL YORK 17 (F,G) G Richards 5-10-0 A P McCoy
13 011- KILNAMARTYRA GIRL 8F (F,G) J Parkes 7-10-0 A Thornton

3-1 Embankment, 6-1 Kimmescash, Royal York, 8-1 Sarmatian Welsh Mill, 10-1 Glenugie, Teejay'n'aitch, 12-1 others

8.20 FASTNET FISH NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,872: 2m 3f 110yd) (4)

1 11-1 ACAJOU III 8 (F,G,S) G Richards 9-12-4 A P McCoy
2 211- JAMAICAN FLIGHT 13 (CD,F,G) Mrs S Lamyman 4-11-6 N Williamson
3 000- WOODSTOCK WANDERER 27 P Bowen 5-11-0 R Johnson
4 U- DAMARITA 14 J R Best 6-10-9 Mr P O'Keeffe (7)

4-5 Acajou III, 11-8 Jamaican Flight, 14-1 Woodstock Wanderer, 20-1 Damarita

8.50 UK HYGIENE 7 (F) HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,852: 2m 1f 110yd) (8)

1 224- STORM FALCON 14 (F,G) S Mellor 7-12-0 R Dunwoody
2 0F-5 CROSS CANNON 8 (CD,F,G) J Wade 11-11-9 B Storey
3 633/ EEZ-AWAY 454 (D,F,G) Mrs D Haine 8-11-4 J F Titley
4 141- TAPATCH 13 (B,CD,F,G) M W Easterby 9-10-6 A P McCoy
5 42-3 UK HYGIENE M Hammond 7-10-0 N Williamson
6 355- RUPPLES 291 (CD,F,G) M Chapman 10-10-0 W Worthington
7 322- THATS THE LIFE 13 (D,F,G,S) T George 12-10-0 R Johnson
8 003- ILEWIN 18 (F,G,S) P Ritchens 10-10-0 M Ahern

9-4 Tapatch, 7-2 Storm Falcon, 4-1 Thats The Life 11-2 Uk Hygiene, 10-1 Cross Cannon 14-1 Eez-Away Ilewin, 16-1 Rupples

9.20 SEE YOU TOMORROW MAIDEN HURDLE
(£2,495. 2m 1f 110yd) (10)

1 P/P- ACERBUS DULCIS 6F M Chapman 6-11-5 W Worthington
2 00- LANDLORD 9F (B) P Bowen 5-11-5 L Cummins (7)
3 3- NORTH BEAR 35F G McCourt 5-11-5 R Guest
4 43- OLD BOMBAY 29 T Barron 5-11-5 A Thornton
5 032- SALKELD KING 16 M Barnes 5-11-5 B Storey
6 33-3 SILVERDALE LAD 6 (BF) K Hogg 6-11-5 M Foster
7 28/ WALTER'S DREAM 419 N Henderson 7-11-5 M A Fitzgerald
8 FLICKERING LIGHT P Beaumont 6-11-0 R Supple
9 P22- ILEWIN JANINE 23 P Ritchens 6-11-0 C Maude
10 F- IRISH OASIS 37 B Rothwell 4-11-0 N Williamson

3-1 Silverdale Lad 7-2 Salkeld King 5-1 Walter's Dream, Ilewin Janine, 6-1 North Bear 12-1 Old Bombay Flickering Light, 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: N Henderson, 3 winners from 11 runners, 27.3%, Mrs M Reveley, 20 from 80, 25.0%, M Pipe, 11 from 51, 21.6%, Mrs D Haine, 3 from 14, 21.4%, P Beaumont, 9 from 45, 20.0%.

JOCKEYS: A P McCoy 11 winners from 31 rides, 35.5%, N Williamson, 17 from 63, 27.0%, Mr C Bonner, 3 from 12, 25.0%, J F Titley, 6 from 25, 24.0%, R Johnson, 9 from 46, 19.6%, R Dunwoody, 11 from 60, 18.3%

☐ Kevin Darley was given a three-day ban, starting on June 21, for careless riding on Elakik for causing interference to Deterrent in the first race at Newbury yesterday.

CANADIAN GRAND PRIX.
IN MONDAY'S 10P TIMES.

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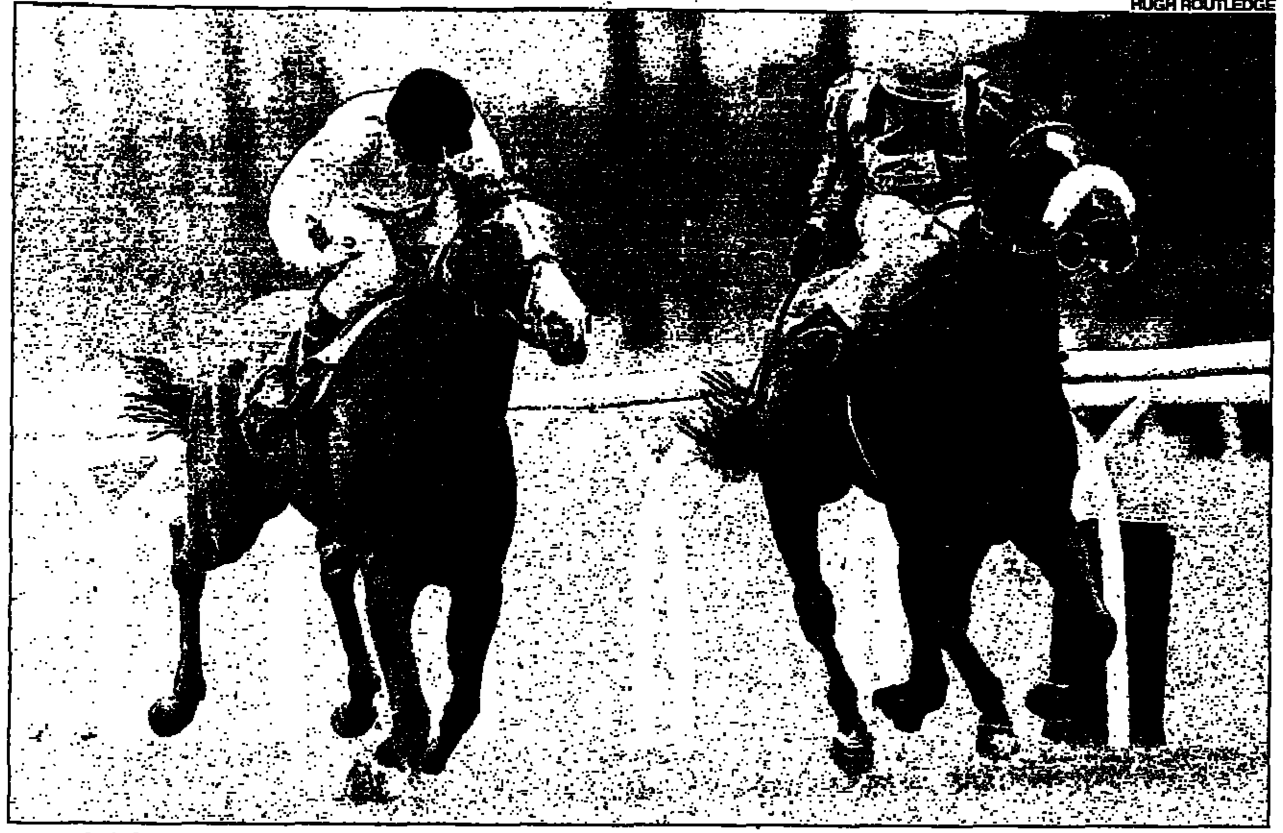
RACING: DECISION DELAYED ON DERBY WINNER'S REMATCH WITH SILVER PATRIARCH IN IRELAND

Benny The Dip lies low before next job

BY CHRIS MCGRATH



HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Squeak, left, extends her unbeaten record by beating Priena in the Ballymacoll Stud Stakes at Newbury yesterday

BEFORE banking too eagerly on the resolution of various championship issues at Royal Ascot next week, it is worth reminding ourselves how racing loves to answer every question with another one.

Our approach to the royal meeting is still obscured by the clouds of dust yet to settle after Benny The Dip's stirring denial of Silver Patriarch in the Derby, and yesterday the two big mysteries bequeathed by the race remained less penetrable than ever.

Michael Tabor, still perplexed by Entrepreneur's flop, has not despaired of his colt one day reviving the dreams of greatness he inspired in the 2,000 Guineas. He does not know where or when Entrepreneur will run next — but then the same is even true, to an extent, of Benny The Dip, whose desperately narrow success has raised questions of its own.

His American owner, Landon Knight, did not see a film of the race until Wednesday. Yesterday, John Gosden, who trains Benny The Dip at Newmarket, gave the strong impression that Knight had not been entirely persuaded that his colt would prevail in the projected rematch with Silver Patriarch.

"The Irish Derby is the obvious choice, as they have thrown down the gauntlet and you have got to say yes," reflected Gosden, who yesterday saddled Squeak to win for Lord Hartington in listed company at Newbury. "But we will not make a definite decision until next week. On pedigree, he is not an out-and-out stayer, which will prove a good thing commercially for the owner.

"He always used to tell me that 'Benny' was a miler, but after the Dante we had to go to Epsom. He is a very relaxed racehorse, and will always be able to use his tactical speed through a race. Half of them, if you look at the Derby, are dead by the top of the hill."

While Silver Patriarch was certainly ill-served by Epsom's sudden ascent into twisting descent, Benny The Dip won the race with his dash for home from Tattenham Corner — and the less taxing course at the Curragh would not necessarily help Silver Patriarch muster his response more effectively.

Entrepreneur, of course, ran as though he suffered from Silver Patriarch's problem during the bulk of the race, before sharing Benny The Dip's in its closing stages. "We have reached no conclusions, and only time will tell what went wrong," Tabor said yesterday. "All the talking means nothing. We haven't begun to discuss what to do next, it's a pressure Michael Stoute does not need. But I would not especially envisage him dropping in trip. I would just say ignore that run."

Tabor, doubtless chastened by the memory of his observation before Epsom that Entrepreneur could win a July Cup or a St Leger, added: "Obviously there are things we could hope for now, to prove him against the others, but you can only make a fool of yourself that way.

"It would have been lovely for us if everything had happened the way we hoped, but I also think it would have been good for racing. Racing needs and wants heroes. Who knows? He might prove one yet."

Tabor is able to console himself with the prospect of Desert King, who gave him his other classic success — in the Irish 2,000 Guineas — this season, in the St James's Palace Stakes on Tuesday. That colt's path was cleared yesterday with news that Zamindar will stay in France, while Hidden Meadow is "99 per cent" certain to switch to the Queen Anne Stakes.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: ARCTIC FANCY
(3.10 York)
Next best: Montfort
(4.10 York)

SANDOWN PARK

THUNDERER
2.15 Overture. 2.50 Craigsteel. 3.20 Male-Ana-Mou. 3.55 Rakis. 4.30 Haltarra. 5.00 Palacegate Touch. 5.35 Dizzy Tilly.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 5.35 **ZORRO.**

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.15 **CHIEFTAIN** (nap). 2.50 Monsajem. 3.55 St Blaine.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM — DRAW: 5F, LOW BEST
TOTE JACKPOT MEETING — SIS

2.15 EBF WEST END MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,160: 5f 6yd) (10 runners)

101	(5)	0	BALANITA 27 B Palling 9-0	T Sprake	93
102	(2)	4	CHIEFTAIN 57 (BF) N Callaghan 9-0	Pat Eddery	●
103	(3)		CLEF OF SILVER W Jarvis 9-0	M Hills	–
104	(1)		ELLWAY PRINCE I Balding 9-0	L Dettori	–
105	(6)		OVERTURE R Hannon 9-0	Dane O'Neill	–
106	(8)	0	SKY MOUNTAIN 20 G Lewis 9-0	Paul Eddery	–
107	(10)		STONE OF DESTINY B Meehan 9-0	M Tebbutt	–
108	(7)		TAKE A TURN M Channon 9-0	P P Murphy (3)	–
109	(4)		VISTA ALEGRE P Makin 9-0	S Sanders	–
110	(9)		ZEPPO M Heaton-Ellis 9-0	S Drowne	–

5-4 Chieftain, 9-2 Overture, 8-1 Ellway Prince, Take A Turn, 16-1 Balanita, Clef Of Silver, Sky Mountain, Stone Of Destiny, 20-1 others.

2.50 SBJ GROUP MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,599: 7f 16yd) (15)

201	(9)		CRAIGSTEEL H Cecil 9-0	K Fallon	–
202	(10)		ELJJANAH J Dunlop 9-0	G Carter	–
203	(5)		IRON MOUNTAIN N Callaghan 9-0	R Hughes	–
204	(13)	5	LINCOLNSHIRE 29 (BF) P Cole 9-0	Pat Eddery	98
205	(4)	4	MASTER MAC 16 R Akehurst 9-0	S Sanders	94
206	(12)	4	MONSAJEM 29 S bin Suroor 9-0	L Dettori	95
207	(14)	6	MUHTATHIR 13 J Gosden 9-0	G Hind	91
208	(7)		MULAHEN D Morley 9-0	J Stack	–
209	(6)	0	NIGHT VIGIL 26 B Hills 9-0	M Hills	–
210	(15)	4	RODINIA 29 G Lewis 9-0	Paul Eddery	●
211	(8)		TEMPER LAD J Gosden 9-0	A McGlone	–
212	(3)		GAY ABANDON K McAuliffe 8-9	B Doyle	–
213	(11)	6	LADY YAVANNA 11 K McAuliffe 8-9	Dane O'Neill	89
214	(1)	50	MEADGATE'S DREAMER 10 B Palling 8-9	S Drowne	71
215	(2)		ROYAL BOUNTY W Hern 8-9	T Sprake	–

9-4 Craigsteel, 3-1 Monsajem, 7-1 Muhtathir, 10-1 Lincolnshire, Rodinia, 12-1 Master Mac, Royal Bounty, 14-1 others.

3.20 DEVITT INSURANCE SERVICES CUP HANDICAP
(£7,035: 1m 2f 7yd) (8)

301	(6)	0-53	GAME PLOY 29 (D,BF,F,G) D Haydn Jones 5-9-10	Pat Eddery	97
302	(8)	0-30	MALE-ANA-MOU 23 (D,F) D Elsworth 4-9-9	K Fallon	98
303	(1)	2113	EFFECTUAL 16 (D,BF,G,S) Miss G Kelleway 4-9-8	R Hughes	96
304	(5)	04-3	BIT ON THE SIDE 20 (C,D,BF,G,S) N Berry 8-9-4	S Drowne	98
305	(7)	131-	PUCE 247 (D,F,G) L Cumani 4-9-3	L Dettori	90
306	(3)	0-32	ORSAY 13 (G) W Muir 5-8-11	M Roberts	●
307	(4)	0240	GENERAL HAVEN 9 (G) T Naughton 4-8-6	T Sprake	98
308	(2)	0422	QUIET ARCH 9 (D,G) W Muir 4-8-2	Dane O'Neill	97

9-4 Puce, 9-2 Orsay, 6-1 Game Ploy, Effectual, 8-1 Male-Ana-Mou, Quiet Arch, 10-1 Bit On The Side, 12-1 General Haven.

3.55 C GORDON MEDLEN AND SONIA P COE MEMORIAL HANDICAP
(£5,628: 7f 16yd) (11)

401	(2)	/156	INTISAB 18 (F) R Armstrong 4-10-0	G Carter	92
402	(10)	00-6	MULLITOVER 28 (D,F,G,S) M Heaton-Ellis 7-9-12	M Roberts	90
403	(7)	6220	RAKIS 16 (CD,F,G,S) Mrs L Stubbs 7-9-7	Pat Eddery	●
404	(4)	0013	PENGAMON 30 (F,G) H Collingridge 5-9-5	J Quinn	95
405	(3)	-030	ZELDA ZONK 18 (D,F) B Meehan 5-9-4	B Doyle	95
406	(6)	5-1	ST BLAINE 15 (F) D Loder 3-9-1	L Dettori	94
407	(11)	2401	KAISER KACHE 13 (D,F,S) K McAuliffe 3-9-0	S Sanders	96
408	(5)	0000	ZURS 16 (G) Miss G Kelleway 4-8-11	K Fallon	98
409	(9)	5-13	MARA RIVER 27 (BF,F) I Balding 3-8-10	M Hills	94
410	(8)	-200	XENOPHON OF CUNAXA 16 (D,F,S) M F-Godley 4-8-6	Dane O'Neill	98
411	(1)	0-04	NO EXTRAS 22 (C,F,G,S) G L Moore 7-8-5	S Whitworth	98

5-2 St Blaine, 5-1 Kaiser Kache, 13-2 Rakis, Mara River, 8-1 Intisab, Pengamon, 12-1 Zelda Zonk, 14-1 others.

4.30 NORWEST HOLST CONSTRUCTION MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,648: 1m 2f 7yd) (11)

501	(10)	4	BOGAN 106 Lord Huntingdon 9-0	M Roberts	–
502	(7)	5	CHANDLER'S HALL 22 M Heaton-Ellis 9-0	R Hughes	67
503	(2)	23-2	HALTARRA 42 (BF) S bin Suroor 9-0	L Dettori	●
504	(11)		JANDAL C Benstead 9-0	C Rutter	–
505	(5)		JUNCTION CITY I Balding 9-0	Pat Eddery	–
506	(8)		PRIME MINISTER R Charlton 9-0	T Sprake	–
507	(4)		ROLLING STONE Lady Herries 9-0	R Cochrane	–
508	(6)	53-	RUSSIAN RULER 220 A Jarvis 9-0	S Drowne	73
509	(1)	0-	SALSEE LAD 253 J Fanshawe 9-0	K Fallon	–
510	(3)	00-	SYLVAN JUBILACION 228 P Mitchell 9-0	G Carter	–
511	(9)	6	KRISTAL BRIDGE 13 P Harris 8-9	A Clark	77

4-6 Haltarra, 8-1 Junction City, 10-1 Chandler's Hall, Prime Minister, 12-1 others.

5.00 NORWEST HOLST CONSTRUCTION CLAIMING STAKES
(£2,788: 5f 6yd) (7)

601	(5)	2103	GONE SAVAGE 13 (CD,F,G,S) W Musson 9-9-9	R Cochrane	98
602	(3)	6101	PALACEGATE TOUCH 14 (B,CD,F,G,S) J Berry 7-9-8	C Lowther (7)	91
603	(4)	0520	WHITE EMIR 6 (B,CD,F,S) B Meehan 4-9-7	Pat Eddery	91
604	(6)	5202	PALO BLANCO 9 (D,F,G) G L Moore 6-9-3	S Whitworth	95
605	(1)	0502	MONTENDRE 9 (BF,F,G) R Hodges 10-9-2	L Dettori	●
606	(7)	0	SACRED SPIRIT 28 A Jarvis 5-8-13	S Drowne	–
607	(2)	6014	LITTLESTONE ROCKET 2 (B,D,F) W Muir 3-8-7	Dane O'Neill	70

2-1 Gone Savage, 7-2 Montendre, 4-1 Palacegate Touch, 6-1 Palo Blanco, 8-1 White Emir, Littlestone Rocket, 33-1 Sacred Spirit.

5.35 KINGSWOOD CORPORATE ENTERTAINMENT HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,306: 1m 3f 91yd) (13)

1	(2)	0003	PADAUK 7 M Haynes 9-7	M Roberts	97
2	(3)	-003	PERSIAN BLUE 17 R Hannon 9-6	Dane O'Neill	88
3	(10)	60-6	INIMITABLE 29 J Dunlop 9-5	G Carter	85
4	(7)	-060	GOLDEN SADDLE 27 P Cole 9-3	C Rutter	81
5	(6)	0-31	DIZZY TILLY 11 (F) T Naughton 9-3 (5ex)	D Holland	89
6	(8)	4-66	ARRIVING 25 J Hills 9-1	K Fallon	87
7	(4)	0-02	SODA POP 11 C Brittain 9-1	M Rimmer	91
8	(9)	-620	LAGUNA BAY 24 A Jarvis 8-13	S Drowne	85
9	(1)	-203	HERBSHAN DANCER 25 B Millman 8-12	J Quinn	90
10	(11)	60-0	MOTCOMBS CLUB 17 N Callaghan 8-8	D O'Donohoe (3)	85
11	(5)	4-05	RUNNING FREE 25 (B) M Fetherston-Godley 8-7	A McGlone	83
12	(13)	-501	ZORRO 8 (F) R Flower 8-6	G Hind	●
13	(12)	-006	KEEPSAKE 18 M Usher 8-1	R Street	88

7-2 Dizzy Tilly, 11-2 Persian Blue, 7-1 Herbshan Dancer, 8-1 Soda Pop, Zorro, 10-1 Padauk, Inimitable, Arriving, Laguna Bay, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: S bin Suroor, 5 winners from 10 runners, 50.0%; J Berry, 9 from 42, 21.4%; J Gosden, 20 from 102, 19.6%; Lady Herries, 8 from 41, 19.5%; J Dunlop, 20 from 104, 19.2%; J Fanshawe, 12 from 63, 19.0%.

JOCKEYS: Pat Eddery, 55 winners from 248 rides, 22.2%; G Carter, 11 from 55, 20.0%; L Dettori, 39 from 197, 19.8%; M Roberts, 25 from 168, 14.9%; K Fallon, 5 from 34, 14.7%; Dane O'Neill, 9 from 71, 12.7%.

SOUTHWELL

THUNDERER
2.30 Canadian Fantasy. 3.00 Sedbergh. 3.35 Legs Be Friendly. 4.05 Goretski. 4.40 **CHAMPAGNE WARRIOR** (nap). 5.15 PC's Cruiser.

GOING: STANDARD — SIS
DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

2.30 MERLIN LAND ROVER DISCOVERY MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,070: 1m) (11 runners)

1	-054	AVANTI BLUE 20 (V) K McAuliffe 9-0	W J O'Connor 1
2	-200	CANADIAN FANTASY 27 M Johnston 9-0	J Weaver 2
3	0-20	CARTOUCHE 35 (BF) M Prescott 9-0	G Duffield 7
4	-040	KEEN DANCER 11 (BF) M Bell 9-0	G Faulkner (5) 3
5		NOBBY BEACH W Muir 9-0	J Wilkinson (7) 8
6	20-0	OUR FUTURE 62 R Thompson 9-0	T Williams 11
7	60	PEN FRIEND 66 W Haggas 9-0	G Bardwell 6
8	0-0	RADAR O'REILLY 6 R Williams 9-0	M Baird (3) 9
9		CERTAINTY J Fanshawe 8-9	D Harrison 5
10	000-	SHOTLEY PRINCESS 258 N Bycroft 8-9	J Bramhill (5) 4
11	0	SPARE MY BLUSHES 15 B McMahon 8-9	L Newton 10

7-4 Cartouche, 5-1 Canadian Fantasy, 11-2 Keen Dancer, 7-1 Avanti Blue, 8-1 Radar O'Reilly, 10-1 Our Future, 14-1 Certainty, 16-1 others.

3.00 MERLIN RANGE ROVER CLAIMING STAKES
(£2,277: 1m 6f) (10)

1	3011	KALAMATA 25 (CD,G) J Glover 5-9-7	N Day 6
2	0020	MISTER ASPECTO 14 (B,C,BF,F,G) M Johnston 4-9-7	J Weaver 5
3	605/	NEEDLE KNOT 594 R Thompson 4-9-7	T Williams 4
4	0/	LIATHACH 1120 J Fanshawe 6-9-3	G Duffield 7
5	0541	SEDBERGH 7 (CD,F,G) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-3	D Harrison 8
6	0	SHEEP STEALER 18 R Peacock 9-9-1	J Bramhill (5) 2
7	0130	EVEZIO RUFO 9 (V,C,G,S) N Littmoden 5-8-9	G Faulkner (5) 1
8	2/50	RED WHIRLWIND 20 (B) R Simpson 7-8-5	M Gallagher 3
9	0002	FAUGERON 7 (D,F,G,S) N Tinkler 8-8-3	L Charnock 9
10	5-00	CLUB ELITE 20 Miss A Stokell 5-7-12	A Polli (5) 10

6-4 Kalamata, 3-1 Sedbergh, 7-1 Mister Aspecto, Faugeron, 14-1 Needle Knot, Club Elite, 20-1 Liathach, Evezio Rufo, 25-1 others.

3.35 MERLIN LAND ROVER DEFENDER MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,277: 5f) (14)

1	046	BOLERO KID 13 M W Easterby 9-0	Dale Gibson 14
2	043	CAPTAIN BRADY 25 W G M Turner 9-0	D Sweeney (5) 12
3	060	COLLACAR 13 D Shaw 9-0	C Teague (3) 11
4	0	ELLENBER 27 W McKeown 9-0	L Charnock 1
5	5	HALF A KNICKER 15 R Fahey 9-0	R Winston (7) 7
6	22	LEGS BE FRIENDLY 26 K McAuliffe 9-0	W J O'Connor 13
7	35	PETER'S IMP 14 (BF) J Berry 9-0	T E Durcan (5) 2
8	5	PURE COINCIDENCE 24 G Lewis 9-0	D Harrison 10
9		RED PEPPER P Howling 9-0	N Carlisle 5
10		REVENGE IS SWEET B McMahon 9-0	L Newton 8
11	0	JEN'S IN THE KNOW 25 C Murray 8-9	Nicola Howarth 4
12	0	LIBERTE BELL 25 Sir M Prescott 8-9	G Duffield 3
13	5	MILL END QUEST 80 M W Easterby 8-9	T Lucas 9
14	5420	GRIEL GIRL 14 P Evans 8-9	J F Egan 6

3-1 Legs Be Friendly, 11-2 Peter's Imp, 6-1 Pure Coincidence, 10-1 others.

4.05 NEW LAND ROVER FREELANDER HANDICAP
(£2,940: 5f) (11)

1	0021	NAPIER STAR 20 (V,C,D,G) Mrs N Macauley 4-10-0	S Webster 2
2	006-	MULLAGH HILL LAD 249 (D,G) B McMahon 4-9-10	L Newton 4
3	0121	GORETSKI 7 (CD,F,G,S) N Tinkler 4-9-10 (7ex)	D Harrison 5
4	0304	STOLEN KISS 6 (B,D,F,S) M W Easterby 5-9-7	G Duffield 8
5	5205	PERFECT BRAVE 43 (F) J Balding 6-9-6	J Edmunds 11
6	-263	BEE HEALTH BOY 20 (B,F,S) M W Easterby 4-9-3	T Lucas 9
7	3203	MAGIC FIZZ 20 (BF) T Etherington 3-8-13	L Charnock 1
8	1-00	MORNING STAR 27 (D,F) W McKeown 3-8-13	J Weaver 3
9	0343	SOTONIAN 7 (D,BF,G) P Felgate 4-8-2	D Wright 7
10	3020	NAMPARA BAY 21 (BF) G Bravery 3-8-1	D R McCabe 10
11	-004	SEA YA MAITE 7 S Bowring 3-7-13	Dale Gibson 6

3-1 Goretski, 4-1 Napier Star, 6-1 Sotonian, 7-1 Magic Fizz, 8-1 Nampara Bay, 10-1 Stolen Kiss, Bee Health Boy, Sea Ya Maite, 16-1 others.

4.40 THE BEST 4 X 4 X FAR SELLING STAKES
(£1,985: 1m 3f) (9)

1	-016	ROYAL LEGEND 14 (V,CD,G) J Pearce 5-9-12	M Wigham 2
2	5064	CAROL AGAIN 11 (CD,G) N Bycroft 5-9-7	D Sweeney (5) 5
3	1610	CHAMPAGNE WARRIOR 28 (C,F,G) M Camacho 4-9-7	L Charnock 6
4	0030	HEIGHTH OF FAME 8 (B) J Hetherton 6-9-7	G Duffield 9
5	-040	MEDLAND 14 (F,G) B McMath 7-9-7	G Bardwell 7
6	8414	PHILGEM 13 (D,S) C Fairhurst 4-9-7	N Kennedy 4
7	0/0-	TOVARICH 237 (V,G) R Thompson 6-9-7	T Williams 8
8	000/	EAU SECOURS R Harris 5-9-2	S Webster 1
9		SANDOWN SUE T Watson 3-8-2	L Newton 3

7-4 Champagne Warrior, 4-1 Philgem, 5-1 Heighth Of Fame, 6-1 Royal Legend, 10-1 Carol Again, 12-1 Medland, 16-1 Tovarich, 20-1 others.

5.15 MERLIN LAND ROVER NOTTINGHAM AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP
(£1,985: 7f) (16)

1	0200	MONTONE 9 (V,CD,F,G,S) J Jenkins 7-11-7	M Mannish 11
2	9-10	AGENT 13 (D,G) J Eyre 4-11-6	Miss Diana J Jones 13
3	2105	DESERT INVADER 14 (CD,S) D Chapman 6-11-5	Miss R Clark 16
4	2243	DANCING SIOUX 14 (CD,G) R Guest 5-11-4	Miss Z Burkett (5) 5
5	0500	AWESOME VENTURE 4 (CD,G,S) M Chapman 7-11-2	N Chapman (5) 10
6	4110	SWEET MATE 7 (CD,G) S Bowring 5-10-8	M H Naughton 4
7	6000	LOCHON 7 (V,F,G) Mrs N Macauley 6-9-12	R Thornton 2
8	0-40	PRUDENT PRINCESS 25 A Ride 5-9-10	Miss L Hide 14
9	4240	DREAM CARRIER 14 (CD,F,G) R Peacock 9-9-9	Mrs C Peacock (5) 1
10	5045	PC'S CRUISER 14 (B,C,G) N Littmoden 5-9-8	J Tyler-Morris (5) 6
11	-042	RECESSIONS OVER 104 (BF) N Littmoden 6-9-4	V Lukaniuk (5) 9
12	0164	MUSTANG 88 (B,D,S) C Thornton 4-9-3	J Crowley (5) 3
13	0002	CRAIGIE BOY 11 (G,S) N Bycroft 7-9-2	Miss J Allison 12
14	0-50	MAURANGI 14 (F,S) B Murray 6-9-0	Miss A Elsey 15
15	0502	MUARA BAY 7 (BF) G Lewis 3-9-0	Miss J Feilden 7
16	0-60	EMMA'S RISK 104 R Harris 3-9-0	Miss H Webster (5) 8

13-2 Dancing Sioux, Recessions Over, 8-1 Montone, Desert Invader, 10-1 Sweet Mate, Dream Carrier, Muara Bay, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Mrs M Reveley, 27 winners from 107 runners, 25.2%; M Johnston, 50 from 235, 21.3%; W Haggas, 6 from 29, 20.7%; M Prescott, 19 from 95, 20.0%; G Lewis, 5 from 32, 15.6%.

JOCKEYS: N Day, 8 winners from 33 rides, 24.2%; Miss R Clark, 5 from 27, 18.5%; J Weaver, 52 from 283, 18.4%; D Harrison, 26 from 152, 17.1%; D Sweeney, 6 from 41, 14.6%.

GOODWOOD

THUNDERER
6.30 Shining Example. 7.00 Filfilah. 7.30 Titta Ruffo. 8.00 Merciless Cop. 8.30 Dark Green. 9.00 Lamorna.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: 6F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

6.30 SOUTHERN FM HANDICAP
(Amateurs: £4,110: 1m 1f) (14 runners)

1	-005	SHINING EXAMPLE 17 (D,F) P Makin 5-11-7	L Baker (5) 2
2	0264	MIMOSA 35 (F) S Dow 4-11-2	T Cuff 11
3	-160	TRIBAL PEACE 20 (CD,G,S) B Gubby 5-11-1	J Rees 6
4	0000	DIGPAST 9 (B,G) J Bridger 7-10-8	D Bridger (5) 3
5	00-0	WARREN KNIGHT 23 C Horgan 4-10-7	J Goldstein (5) 10
6	0-02	KORALOONA 21 G Balding 4-10-4	Mrs A Perrett 9
7	3040	SQUARED AWAY 7 (B,F) J W Payne 5-10-2	Miss C Lake (5) 5
8	0412	CUBAN REEF 7 (BF,F,G) W Musson 5-10-2	T McCarthy 4
9	1D-3	NABJELSEDR 8 (C,S) A Newcombe 7-9-8	S Durack (5) 7
10	6600	PROUD BRIGADIER 7 (F,G,S) M R Bosley 9-9-7	Mrs S Bosley 13
11	5-04	I'M A NUT MAN 21 C Smith 6-9-6	Mrs D Smith (5) 1
12	2600	HATTA SUNSHINE 10 (V,G) G L Moore 7-9-6	Mrs J Moore 14
13	3406	RING THE CHIEF 11 (G) M Usher 5-9-5	Mrs A Usher (5) 8
14	-000	CHALLENGER 4 J Sheehan 4-9-5	Miss C Hannaford (5) 12

4-1 Cuban Reef, 6-1 Shining Example, Koraloona, 7-1 Mimosa, 8-1 others.

7.00 EBF SUSSEX ENTERPRISE MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,915: 6f) (9)

1		CHOCOLATE J Dunlop 8-11	T Quinn 8
2	63	COMPOSITION 39 (BF) M Jarvis 8-11	R Cochrane 7
3	2	FILFILAH 10 P Walwyn 8-11	Pat Eddery 6
4		IDAHO B Gubby 8-11	A Clark 3
5	20	JILTED 18 R Hannon 8-11	Dane O'Neill 2
6		PERSIAN FANTASIA J Dunlop 8-11	Paul Eddery 9
7	0	PHANTOM WATERS 14 R Johnson Houghton 8-11	S Sanders 4
8		SIENA M Channon 8-11	A Eddery (7) 1
9	3	TAJMIL 14 W Hern 8-11	T Sprake 5

11-4 Filfilah, 4-1 Tajmil, 5-1 Chocolate, 6-1 Composition, 8-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J Payne, 4 winners from 14 runners, 28.6%; P Cole, 26 from 114, 22.8%; H Cecil, 17 from 80, 21.3%; J Gosden, 19 from 110, 17.3%; M Bell, 6 from 35, 17.1%; Lady Herries, 8 from 48, 16.7%.

JOCKEYS: Pat Eddery, 36 winners from 191 rides, 18.8%; L Dettori, 31 from 173, 17.9%; T Quinn, 44 from 268, 16.4%; Dane O'Neill, 12 from 85, 14.0%; M Roberts, 16 from 118, 13.6%.

7.30 EQUITY FINANCIAL COLLECTIONS HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,785: 1m 2f) (5)

1	1541	MOON BLAST 4 (F) Lady Herries 9-10 (4ex)	R Cochrane 3
2	2243	TITTA RUFFO 11 (BF) B Meehan 9-7	Pat Eddery 2
3	4-31	RHAPSODY IN WHITE 15 (F) M Jarvis 9-3	R Mullen (5) 5
4	-421	KILSHANNY 11 (F) L Cumani 8-13 (4ex)	L Dettori 4
5	-000	PASSIFLORA 18 (F) J Dunlop 8-6	Paul Eddery 1

5-4 Kilshanny, 3-1 Titta Ruffo, 4-1 Moon Blast, 9-2 Rhapsody In White, 25-1 Passiflora.

8.00 PREBENDAL SCHOOL QUINCENTENNIAL CELEBRATION CLAIMING STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,525: 1m) (7)

1	4-02	MATOAKA 8 R Williams 8-10	R Cochrane 4
2	5-06	MERCILESS COP 7 (G) B Meehan 8-9	Pat Eddery 7
3	0-04	TULSA 20 B Gubby 8-9	A Clark 2
4	5105	BON GUEST 10 (D,G) T Naughton 8-7	S Sanders 1
5	0020	MY BELOVED 11 (F) R Hannon 8-6	Dane O'Neill 6
6	0-60	ZEST 30 M Bell 8-6	M Roberts 3
7	0-P	HOT SHOT 16 G L Moore 8-5	Candy Morris 5

6-4 Matoaka, 4-1 Merciless Cop, My Beloved, 5-1 Bon Guest, 10-1 Zest, 14-1 Tulsa, 20-1 Hot Shot.

8.30 WILEY EUROPE MAIDEN STAKES
SKY
(3-Y-O: £3,818: 1m 4f) (3)

1	2-55	CATCHABLE 27 H Cecil 9-0	K Fallon 3
2	33-2	DARK GREEN 74 (BF) P Cole 9-0	T Quinn 1
3	04	SAN GLAMORE MELODY 20 J Gosden 9-0	L Dettori 2

11-10 Catchable, 6-4 Dark Green, 7-2 San Glamore Melody.

9.00 AMBROSE HARCOURT'S HEART AND SOUL HANDICAP
SKY
(3-Y-O: £3,883: 6f) (9)

1	1306	V I P CHARLIE 25 (D,G) J Jenkins 9-7	S Sanders 5
2	0-05	RISE 'N SHINE 10 C Cyzer 9-5	L Dettori 9
3	2005	HEAVENLY MISS 4 (D,F,G) J Bridger 9-2	A Daly (5) 2
4	536	PRINCE ZANDO 35 C Horgan 9-2	Paul Eddery 3
5	0502	IVORY DAWN 6 K Ivory 9-2	Martin Dwyer (3) 8
6	1005	MON BRUCE 14 (D,G) W Muir 8-11	Dane O'Neill 1
7	5032	C-HARRY 9 (D,G,S) R Hollinshead 8-8	F Lynch 7
8	-006	LAMORNA 4 (D,BF,F,G) M Channon 8-7	T Quinn 6
9	-002	PETER PERFECT 9 (B) G Lewis 8-6	A Whelan (3) 4

11-4 Ivory Dawn, 4-1 Peter Perfect, 6-1 C-Harry, 7-1 V I P Charlie, Prince Zando, Lamorna, 10-1 Heavenly Miss, 14-1 others.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Newbury

Going: good

2.00 (6f 8yd) 1, Mazboon (K Fallon, 5-1); 2, Starmaker (3-1 fav); 3, Elakik (12-1). 18 ran. 1¼l, 2½l. E Dunlop. Tote: £10.50; £2.80, £1.70, £6.50. DF: £33.70. Trio: £73.80. CSF: £17.58. After a stewards' inquiry, result stood.

2.30 (6f 8yd) 1, Trans Island (K Darley, 2-7 fav); 2, Tumbleweed Hero (15-2); 3, Huntswood (10-1). 5 ran. NR: Lido. 2½l, ¾l. I Balding. Tote: £1.30; £1.10, £1.80. DF £3.10. CSF £2.93.

3.00 (7f) 1, Neuwest (L Dettori, 3-1 jt-fav, Thunderer's nap); 2, Alamein (5-1); 3, Volley (16-1). Persian Fayre 3-1 jt-fav. 8 ran. 3½l, hd. R Akehurst. Tote: £3.30; £1.40, £1.60, £4.20. DF: £10.30. CSF: £16.70. Tricast: £185.87.

3.30 (1m 2f 6yd) 1, Squeak (L Dettori, 13-2); 2, Priena (3-1 fav); 3, Western Hour (10-1). 10 ran. ½l, nk. J Gosden. Tote: £5.10; £1.50, £1.70, £2.80. DF: £6.30. Trio: £46.80. CSF: £23.62.

4.00 (7f) 1, Hajr (K Fallon, 7-2); 2, Jorrocks (8-1); 3, David's Revenge (25-1). Blewbury Hill 11-10 fav. 11 ran. Nk, 2½l. E Dunlop. Tote: £4.50; £1.70, £2.50, £3.30. DF: £32.40. Trio: £142.60. CSF: £26.68. After a stewards' inquiry, result stood.

4.30 (1m 4f 5yd) 1, Rainwatch (Pat Eddery, 3-1); 2, Travelmate (9-4 fav); 3, Little Acorn (12-1). 8 ran. NR: Supreme Sound. 1¼l, 3l. J Dunlop. Tote: £3.70; £1.70, £1.50, £1.50. DF: £3.60. Trio: £13.70. CSF: £9.69. Tricast: £84.24.

5.00 (1m) 1, Ca'd'oro (P P Murphy, 10-1); 2, Therhea (5-1 fav); 3, Amber Fort (12-1). 14 ran. NR: Whatever's Right. 1¼l, 1½l. G Balding. Tote: £12.10; £2.90, £2.10, £3.60. DF: £37.20. Trio: £153.00. CSF: £52.77. Tricast: £415.56.

Jackpot: £12,373.20.

Placepot: £65.80. Quadpot: £14.20.

Goodwood

Going: good

2.10 (1m 2f) 1, Khawafi (D O'Donohoe, 9-2); 2, Song Of Freedom (5-2 fav); 3, Alarmist (10-1). 12 ran. 4l, hd. E Dunlop. Tote: £5.80; £1.80, £1.70, £4.50. DF: £9.10. Trio: £38.30. CSF: £14.68.

2.40 (5f) 1, Ivory's Joy (C Scally, 10-1); 2, Sun In The Morning (Evens fav); 3, Shanthi (4-1). 5 ran. ½l, 1¾l. K Ivory. Tote: £10.70; £2.90, £1.40. DF: £5.90. CSF: £18.98.

3.10 (1m 4f) 1, Ciro's Pearl (W Ryan, 11-2); 2, Nightlark (13-2); 3, Pennys From Heaven (11-4 fav). 8 ran. 1¼l, ½l. M Tompkins. Tote: £6.40; £1.50, £2.50, £1.20. DF: £22.70. CSF: £38.56. Tricast: £109.67.

3.40 (1m 1f) 1, Maylane (M Roberts, 5-1); 2, Atlantic Desire (13-8 fav); 3, Green Jewel (9-2). 6 ran. NR: Henley. ½l, 1½l. A Stewart. Tote: £5.00; £2.70, £1.40. DF: £5.00. CSF: £11.93.

4.10 (7f) 1, Geimhriull (J Weaver, 4-9 fav, Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Khalik (11-2); 3, Olivo (12-1). 6 ran. NR: Swift Sovereign. 3½l, ¾l. L Cumani. Tote: £1.50; £1.40, £1.90. DF: £3.10. CSF: £3.41.

4.45 (2m) 1, Transom (T Quinn, 7-4 fav); 2, Cloud Inspector (3-1); 3, Mighty Phantom (11-1). 5 ran. Hd, 3½l. Mrs A Perrett. Tote: £2.60; £1.40, £1.70. DF: £4.00. CSF: £6.58.

Placepot: £9.20. Quadpot: £6.70.

Carlisle

Going: firm

2.20 (5f) 1, Wait'n'see (T Lucas, 11-4); 2, Patsy Culsyth (11-8 fav); 3, Chikapenny (14-1). 9 ran. NR: Colonel Custer. 3l, 1¾l. M W Easterby. Tote: £2.70; £1.10, £1.60, £4.30. DF: £2.50. Trio: £57.10. CSF: £6.82.

2.50 (5f 207yd) 1, Winter Scout (R Winston, 5-2); 2, Sense Of Priority (9-2); 3, Donna's Dancer (11-2). Skyers Flyer 13-8 fav. 7 ran. NR: Paperwork Pete. 3l, 1l. R Fahey. Tote: £4.50; £2.40, £2.60. DF: £11.00. CSF: £13.05. No bid.

3.20 (7f 214yd) 1, Jedi Knight (G Parkin, 11-8 fav); 2, Pekay (5-2); 3, Highspeed (11-1). 7 ran. 1¼l, ¾l. M W Easterby. Tote: £2.20; £1.10, £3.10. DF: £2.70. CSF: £4.74.

3.50 (1m 4f) 1, Scarrots (J Fortune, 9-4 fav); 2, Wildmoor (5-1); 3, Kingdom Pearl (12-1). 8 ran. 6l, 1½l. S Williams. Tote: £2.20; £1.10, £1.60, £4.00. DF: £14.20. CSF: £11.17. Tricast: £86.38.

4.20 (5f 207yd) 1, Court Express (A Culhane, 8-1); 2, Nervous Rex (11-1); 3, Mill End Boy (11-4 fav). 12 ran. 2½l, 1¾l. T Etherington. Tote: £11.40; £3.20, £1.90, £1.80. DF: £67.00. Trio: £51.20. CSF: £83.02.

4.55 (5f) 1, Ramsey Hope (T Siddall, 16-1); 2, Manno Street (14-1); 3, Featherstone Lane (3-1 fav). 10 ran. Nk, 1¾l. C Fairhurst. Tote: £19.50; £4.90, £2.10, £1.20. DF: £89.10. Trio: £297.20 (part won; pool of £301.40 carried forward to 5.35 at Sandown Park today). CSF: £197.70. Tricast: £782.46. After an objection by the second to the winner, the placings were unaltered.

Placepot: £87.40. Quadpot: £10.30.

Wednesday's late results

Newmarket

Going: good to soft

6.40 (1m 6f 175yd) 1, Tramline (J Quinn, 11-2); 2, Pike Creek (7-2); 3, Polyphony (3-1 fav). 5 ran. 2l, 9l. M Blanshard. Tote: £12.60; £3.50, £2.30. DF: £38.30. CSF: £21.02.

7.10 (6f) 1, Arawak Cay (O Peslier, 10-11 fav); 2, Linden Heights (7-1); 3, Little Indian (20-1). 10 ran. 2l, ¾l. D Loder. Tote: £2.00; £1.10, £2.00, £4.20. DF: £5.80. Trio: £53.70. CSF: £7.29.

7.40 (7f) 1, Sharp 'n' Shady (Pat Eddery, 100-30 fav); 2, La Chatelaine (8-1); 3, Push A Venture (14-1). 11 ran. 1l, 2l. C Wall. Tote: £3.20; £1.70, £2.50, £5.60. DF: £18.00. Trio: £28.50. CSF: £30.02. Tricast: £348.86.

8.10 (1m 4f) 1, Ancient Quest (Paul Eddery, 11-1); 2, Yet Again (6-1); 3, Dalwhinnie (14-1). Fairy Knight 11-2 fav. 14 ran. NR: Ordained. Nk, 1¾l. N Callaghan. Tote: £20.30; £4.50, £2.50, £5.40. DF: £54.10. Trio: £377.10. CSF: £64.89. Tricast: £843.71.

8.40 (1m) 1, Suez Tornado (J F Egan, 8-1); 2, Gain Line (12-1); 3, Mo-Addab (9-4 fav). 11 ran. 3l, nk. E Alston. Tote: £14.40; £3.70, £3.30, £1.40. DF: £72.80. Trio: £112.50. CSF: £90.91. Tricast: £266.91.

9.10 (1m 4f) 1, Badge Of Fame (R Ffrench, 16-1); 2, Seattle Art (5-2); 3, Lifre (7-4 fav). 8 ran. NR: Veuve Clicquot. Nk, 4l. L Cumani. Tote: £17.20; £2.80, £1.50, £1.20. DF: £24.20. Trio: £21.00. CSF: £50.82.

Placepot: £75.30. Quadpot: £15.30.

Hamilton Park

Going: good, good to soft in places

7.00 (5f 4yd) 1, Squire Corrie (Miss R Clark, 20-1); 2, Natural Key (6-1); 3, Insider Trader (11-1); 4, Mister Westsound (33-1). Tropical Beach 4-1 fav. 17 ran. 2l, 1l. D Chapman. Tote: £22.00; £4.80, £1.40, £2.10, £3.90. DF: £88.30. Trio: £208.30. CSF: £109.41. Tricast: £1,326.75.

7.30 (1m 1f 36yd) 1, Riyadian (T Quinn, 1-4 fav); 2, Unconditional Love (14-1); 3, Rickenbacker (9-2). 3 ran. 6l, 1¾l. P Cole. Tote: £1.20. DF: £1.90. CSF: £3.64.

8.00 (1m 65yd) 1, Philistar (T Quinn, 13-8 fav); 2, Principal Boy (6-1); 3, Takhlid (10-1). 10 ran. ¾l, ½l. K Burke. Tote: £2.60; £1.30, £1.80, £2.90. DF: £7.70. Trio: £26.20. CSF: £9.81. Tricast: £64.76.

8.30 (1m 1f 36yd) 1, Zorba (D McKeown, 2-1 fav); 2, Trying Times (4-1); 3, Beau Roberto (9-2). 11 ran. NR: One Life To Live, Talented Ting. 8l, ½l. C Thornton. Tote: £2.60; £1.40, £1.60, £2.20. DF: £9.70. Trio: £14.10. CSF: £8.92.

9.00 (6f 5yd) 1, Crazee Mental (J Carroll, 2-1); 2, Outsourcing (7-4 fav); 3, Burnt Yates (5-1). 9 ran. 1½l, 4l. D Haydn Jones. Tote: £3.50; £1.10, £1.30, £2.00. DF: £4.20. Trio: £15.20. CSF: £5.66.

9.30 (1m 5f 9yd) 1, Lord Advocate (K Sked, 4-1); 2, Shergy (4-1); 3, Triby (9-2). Silver Pearl 5-2 fav. 7 ran. 2½l, 1½l. D Nolan. Tote: £3.20; £1.60, £3.50. DF: £14.80. CSF: £19.28.

Placepot: £18.40.

Quadpot: £7.10.

Uttoxeter

Going: good to firm

6.50 (3m 110yd hdle) 1, Beck And Call (T J Murphy, 9-4 jt-fav); 2, Elite Governor (10-1); 3, Not Mistaken (9-4 jt-fav). 10 ran. 2l, 2½l. Miss V Williams. Tote: £2.80; £1.10, £1.40, £1.50. DF: £9.30. Trio: £13.90. CSF: £22.67.

7.20 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, Edward Seymour (T Jenks, 7-1); 2, Hacketts Cross (7-1); 3, Paulton (5-1); 4, Honeybed Wood (4-1 fav). 16 ran. NR: Ecu De France. 2½l, 5l. W Jenks. Tote: £10.60; £2.50, £2.50, £1.50, £2.00. DF: £49.90. Trio: £97.20. CSF: £57.05. Tricast: £261.82.

7.50 (2m 7f ch) 1, Santella Boy (R Dunwoody, 4-6 fav); 2, Glemanglitz (3-1); 3, Lady Of Mine (33-1). 7 ran. 10l, 13l. C Mann. Tote: £1.70; £1.50, £1.40. DF: £1.60. CSF: £3.30.

8.20 (2m hdle) 1, Mr Moriarty (T Dascombe, 10-1); 2, Nordic Breeze (5-4 fav); 3, Name Of Our Father (6-1). 5 ran. 8l, 3½l. S Bowring. Tote: £12.00; £3.90, £1.10. DF: £12.30. CSF: £22.59.

8.50 (2m 5f ch) 1, Over The Pole (Mr C Bonner, 11-4); 2, Mine's An Ace (7-2); 3, Dwali Dancer (Evens fav). 5 ran. 7l, 17l. P Chamings. Tote: £4.20; £1.90, £1.80. DF: £5.50. CSF: £11.84.

9.20 (2m hdle) 1, Totally Yours (A P McCoy, 10-11 fav); 2, Chief Gale (5-1). 5 ran. NR: Michelles Crystal. Dist. M Pipe. Tote: £1.70; £1.20, £4.00. DF: £5.30. CSF: £6.80. Only two finished.

Placepot: £25.70.

Quadpot: £11.80.

YORK

THUNDERER
2.10 Lady In Waiting
2.40 Mallia
3.10 Arctic Fancy
3.40 Double Splendour
4.10 Montfort
4.45 Sandbaggedagain

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103	(12)	0-0432	GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0	B West (4)	88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing. J if jumps. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT — SIS
DRAW: 5F-7F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.10 UNIVERSITY OF YORK NOVICE FILLIES STAKES
(2-Y-O: £5,239: 6f) (5 runners)

1	(1)	41	LADY IN WAITING 11 (F) (Pegasus Racing) P Cole 9-0	T Quinn	●
2	(3)	31	SAFFRON LANE 21 (D,G) (S Pins) R Hannon 9-0	R Perham	93
3	(4)	1	SAPPHIRE RING 18 (D,G) (Thoroughbred Corp) R Charlton 9-0	K Darley	92
4	(2)	1	SEA MAGIC 20 (S) (R Richards) B Hills 9-0	W Ryan	86
5	(5)	10	MALOZZA 9 (G) (D Molloney) P Evans 9-10	A Culhane	90

BETTING: 2-1 Lady In Waiting, 11-4 Sapphire Ring, 3-1 Saffron Lane, 9-2 Sea Magic, 10-1 Malozza.

1996: FERNANDA 9-2 W Carson (6-4) J Dunlop 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

LADY IN WAITING beat Asfurah ½l in 10-runner maiden at Leicester (5f, good to firm). SAFFRON LANE beat Mullbullenuf 1¾l in 5-runner maiden at Nottingham (6f, good). SAPPHIRE RING beat Demolition ½l in 11-runner maiden at Leicester (6f, good). SEA MAGIC beat Miss Dangerous ½l in 3-runner maiden at Haydock (5f, good to soft). MALOZZA beat Charlies Lad neck in 13-runner auction maiden at Southwell (5f, AW).
Selection: SAPPHIRE RING

2.40 MARKETING WEEK HANDICAP
(£7,570: 5f) (11 runners)

1	(10)	3-0520	LAGO DI VARANO 13 (V,D,F,G,S) (PGT Group) R Whitaker 5-9-10	J Carroll	●
2	(5)	34400-	RUSHCUTTER BAY 275 (D,F,G) (Treasure Seekers) T Clement 4-9-9	R Mullen (5)	91
3	(7)	1360-4	CROFTERS CEILIDH 13 (CD,F,G) (Mrs M Meddings) B McMahon 5-9-5	K Darley	95
4	(3)	5002-0	PRIDE OF BRIXTON 36 (D,G) (G Reed) C Thornton 4-9-5	D McKeown	96
5	(1)	0-0660	SWYNFORD DREAM 17 (D,F,G) (Qualitair Holdings) J Bottomley 4-9-4	W Ryan	97
6	(9)	10-000	MALLIA 4 (C,D,G) (H Dudden) T Barron 4-9-2	J Fortune	89
7	(2)	4600-0	OSOMENTAL 20 (D,F,G) (H O'Donnell) D Haydn Jones 3-9-2	T Quinn	91
8	(11)	444161	SQUIRE CORRIE 2 (D,F,G) (N Thesiger) D Chapman 5-9-0 (7ex)	P Fessey (3)	98
9	(8)	021212	LADY SHERIFF 13 (B,CD,BF,F,G) (E Mangan) M W Easterby 6-8-13	G Parkin (5)	98
10	(6)	140-50	TUSCAN DAWN 55 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs C Deuters) J Berry 7-8-9	P Roberts (5)	96
11	(4)	3000-5	SWAN AT WHALLEY 11 (D,F,G) (Mrs C Barlow) R Fahey 5-8-1	F Norton	89

BETTING: 7-2 Lady Sheriff, 9-2 Crofters Ceilidh, 5-1 Lago Di Varano, 8-1 Squire Corrie, 10-1 Swynford Dream, Tuscan Dawn, Swan At Whalley, 16-1 others.

1996: CANOVAS HEART 7-8-5 N Day (12-1) B Jones 16 ran

FORM FOCUS

LAGO DI VARANO ¾l 2nd of 14 to Twice As Sharp in handicap over course and distance (good) with SWYNFORD DREAM (4lb better off) about 2l 6th. RUSHCUTTER BAY about 1¾l 4th of 20 to Blue Iris in handicap over course and distance (good) with PRIDE OF BRIXTON (3lb better off) 1½l 5th and SWYNFORD DREAM (3lb worse off) head 6th. Aug 96 CROFTERS CEILIDH beat Go Hever Golf 1¾l in 13-runner handicap at Chester (5f, good) with TUSCAN DAWN (12lb better off) about ¾l 4th and PRIDE OF BRIXTON (9lb better off) 4l 8th. PRIDE OF BRIXTON 1¾l 2nd of 20 to Palacegate Touch in handicap at Catterick (5f, good) with LADY SHERIFF 6¼l 10th, TUSCAN DAWN (4lb better off) 4½l 16th and SWAN AT WHALLEY (3lb better off) 5l 18th. SQUIRE CORRIE beat Natural Key 2l in 17-runner amateur handicap at Hamilton (5f, good). LADY SHERIFF beat Ballard Lady 1¾l in 10-runner handicap at Newcastle (5f, good).
Selection: LAGO DI VARANO

3.10 SHEPHERD EBOR TRIAL RATED HANDICAP
(£8,968: 1m 5f 194yd) (5 runners)

1	(2)	1160-5	BENATOM 23 (D,F,G) (T Harris) H Cecil 4-9-7	W Ryan	95
2	(3)	304-00	PURPLE SPLASH 30 (V,D,G,S) (C Walford) P Makin 7-9-1	R Havlin (3)	96
3	(1)	500-60	BRANDON MAGIC 29 (G,S) (R Michaelson) I Balding 4-8-13	K Darley	92
4	(4)	0-0432	THALJANAH 28 (D,F,G) (W Clifford) B Smart 5-8-12	J Fortune	●
5	(5)	200-03	ARCTIC FANCY 17 (D,G) (Cool Customers) P Harris 4-8-8	T Quinn	95

BETTING: 13-8 Benatom, 11-4 Thaljanah, 4-1 Brandon Magic, 6-1 Arctic Fancy, 7-1 Purple Splash.

1996: CORRADINI 4-9-3 W Ryan (5-1) H Cecil 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

BENATOM about 4½l 5th of 9 to Jiyush in handicap at Goodwood (1m 6f, good). PURPLE SPLASH 7½l 7th of 15 to Tumpole in handicap over course and distance (good) with ARCTIC FANCY (4lb worse off) 12½l 11th.
BRANDON MAGIC 7½l 7th of 12 to Give Me A Ring in handicap here (1m 2f 85yd, good). THALJANAH short-head 2nd of 9 to Grand Cru in handicap at Newbury (2m, soft). ARCTIC FANCY about ¾l 3rd of 13 to Arcady in handicap at Sandown (1m 6f, good to firm).
Selection: PURPLE SPLASH

3.40 ANTHONY FAWCETT MEMORIAL SPRINT RATED HANDICAP
(£9,263: 6f) (10 runners)

1	(9)	0026-0	MADLY SHARP 58 (D,F,G) (Lord Swaythling) J Watts 6-8-7	T Quinn	92
2	(2)	2342-5	DOUBLE SPLENDOUR 31 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Yorkshire R C) P Felgate 7-9-4	K Darley	92
3	(8)	0054-1	TEDBURROW 20 (D,F,G,S) (P Davies) E Alston 5-9-2	A Culhane	●
4	(1)	0-4605	WESTCOURT MAGIC 24 (D,F,G) (K Hodgson) M W Easterby 4-9-2	G Parkin (5)	94
5	(4)	/153-4	WEST HUMBLE 34 (F) (Mrs P Sheen) Lady Herries 4-9-1	W Ryan	89
6	(7)	303-60	HOH RETURNS 31 (D,F) (D Allport) M Bell 4-8-9	M Fenton	93
7	(10)	-32553	SEA-DEER 23 (D,BF,F,G,S) (M Foulger) C Dwyer 8-8-7	J Fortune	96
8	(6)	3000-5	ROYAL MARK 41 (F,G) (M Burke's Settlement) T Barron 4-8-7	J Carroll	89
9	(3)	2300-6	GOLDEN POUND 3 (D,F) (A Griffin) Miss G Kelleway 5-8-7	R Mullen (5)	94
10	(5)	-55103	DAAWE 24 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs A Mallinson) Mrs V Aconley 6-8-7	M Deering	98

BETTING: 5-2 Double Splendour, 7-2 Tedburrow, 11-2 Sea-Deer, 7-1 West Humble, 10-1 Madly Sharp, Hoh Returns, Daawe, 16-1 others.

1996: CYRANO'S LAD 7-8-9 K Fallon (7-4 fav) C Dwyer 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

MADLY SHARP 1l 2nd of 12 to Highborn in handicap at Newmarket (7f, good to firm) Oct 96. DOUBLE SPLENDOUR about 3¼l 5th of 16 to Bollin Joanne in handicap over course and distance (good) with HOH RETURNS (2lb better off) 9¾l 11th and WESTCOURT MAGIC (3lb better off) 39l 16th. TEDBURROW beat Anselliman 2l in 10-runner handicap at Haydock (5f, good to soft). WEST HUMBLE 3¾l 4th of 7 to Supercal in listed race at Lingfield (7f, soft).
SEA-DEER about 1¾l 3rd of 19 to Oggi in handicap at Goodwood (6f, good). DAAWE 3¼l 3rd of 5 to Ya Malak in conditions stakes at Beverley (5f, good to soft) with WESTCOURT MAGIC (9lb worse off) pulled up.
Selection: DAAWE (nap)

4.10 MARK NICHOLAS MEDIA LIMITED STAKES
(3-Y-O: £7,050: 1m 3f 195yd) (4 runners)

1	(3)	0-31	MONTFORT 21 (D,F) (G Meyrick) P Cole 9-0	T Quinn	96
2	(2)	012-4	CYBERTECHNOLOGY 52 (C,G) (W Gredley) B Hills 8-12	W Ryan	95
3	(1)	20-336	IECHYD-DA 27 (V,S) (K Mercer) M Bell 8-12	M Fenton	●
4	(4)	433	SUN ALERT 13 (V) (K Lee) M Polglase 8-9	T G McLaughlin	97

BETTING: 8-13 Montfort, 4-1 Cybertechnology, 5-1 Iechyd-Da, 8-1 Sun Alert.

1996: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

MONTFORT beat Foreign Rule 6l in 6-runner maiden at Brighton (1m 4f, firm). CYBERTECHNOLOGY beat Will You Dance ½l in maiden here (1m, good) Oct 96. IECHYD-DA about 6l 3rd of 8 to Bold Words at Ripon (1m 1f, good to firm). SUN ALERT about 7l 3rd of 7 to Three Cheers in maiden at Newmarket (1m 6f, good to firm).
Selection: MONTFORT

4.45 RACING CHANNEL MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES
(£4,386: 1m 3f 195yd) (4 runners)

1	(4)	05	NORTHERN MAESTRO 20 (A Stannall) Mrs M Reveley 3-8-9	A Culhane	–
2	(3)	233-53	SANDBAGGEDAGAIN 69 (Mrs C Hanbury) M W Easterby 3-8-9	G Parkin (5)	87
3	(2)	0	SPICK AND SPAN 15 (G Reed) C Thornton 3-8-9	D McKeown	–
4	(1)	44-25	VICKI ROMARA 13 (G Bailey) M Johnston 3-8-4	J Fanning	●

BETTING: 11-10 Vicki Romara, 6-4 Sandbaggedagain, 7-1 Northern Maestro, 10-1 Spick And Span.

1996: BOWLED OVER 3-9-0 K Fallon (11-8) C Cyzer 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

NORTHERN MAESTRO tailed off to Heritage in 5-runner maiden at Haydock (1m 2f 120yd, good to soft). SANDBAGGEDAGAIN 3¼l 3rd of 12 to Blooming Amazing in handicap at Beverley (1m 100yd, good to firm). SPICK AND SPAN 29l 8th of 12 to Greek Palace in maiden at Ripon (1m 2f, good to firm).
VICKI ROMARA 2½l 2nd of 8 to Molly Of The Valley in maiden at Thirsk (1m 4f, soft).
Selection: SANDBAGGEDAGAIN

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
R Charlton	11	36	30.6	W Ryan	16	101	15.8
H Cecil	24	94	25.5	No other qualifiers			
T Barron	7	44	15.9				
Lady Herries	6	38	15.8				
P Cole	13	94	13.8				
B Hills	14	105	13.3				

Ascot gamble

BOLLIN JOANNE, the Tim Easterby-trained filly, was supported from 16-1 to 10-1 with Coral for next Friday's Wokingham Handicap at Royal Ascot and is now the joint-favourite with Best Before Dawn, an Irish runner.

Simon Clare, spokesman for the bookmaking firm, said: "We have laid some sizeable bets to some shrewd customers whose views it pays to respect."

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CRICKET

Irani's late show puts Essex in the driving seat

BY MICHAEL HENDERSON

HOVE (first day of four: Essex won toss): Essex, with five-first innings wickets in hand, are 92 runs ahead of Sussex

WHEN Ronnie Irani was stroking the ball to all parts last night, batting appeared to be free of all hazard. He punched through cover, and pulled through mid-wicket with the air of a man who refused to be shackled. By the end of a day that began an hour late, and continued until 7.30. in order to attract the home-going punters, he was 79 not out and Essex had earned a lead that they can extend considerably today.

Admission was free after five o'clock but few people turned up to watch Essex bat. That does not mean it is necessarily a bad idea. The weather was overcast all day, and Sussex, to put it politely, are not playing cricket that compels the closest attention. They kept going gamely in the field and, by running out Grayson for 41 late in the day to break a fifth-wicket stand worth 94, Rao lifted a few spirits. Bill Athey would have raised a few more if he had held Grayson second ball at slip.

Irani was the only batsman to pass fifty, stayed there until stumps, and played jolly well. Before Stuart Law was out, bowled off stump as he tried to drive James Kirtley down the ground, he had also played well: in fact, rather better. His strokeplay was so assured that one wondered once again if Australia have been wise to deny him the run in the Test side that his talent surely merits. Batting against Sussex at Hove is not quite the same as facing the West Indies at Perth, but his ability has always been visible.

Their batting sparkled all the more for being accomplished on a day dominated by the bowlers. Kirtley, who took two wickets, impressed with his sprinter's approach to the crease and lively pace, but it was Ashley Cowan, the 22-year-old Essex seamer, who took the day's main honours with five for 45, a career-best performance. He will not mind a jot that three of those wickets were cheap ones at the fag-end of the innings.

Cowan, like Alex Tudor, represents the immediate future of English pace bowling and, like the Surrey teenager, he can expect swift promotion if he maintains the form that has marked him out as one to watch. It would not do him any harm to be invited along to the England nets before a Test match, to "soak up the atmosphere", just as Tudor was at Edgbaston.

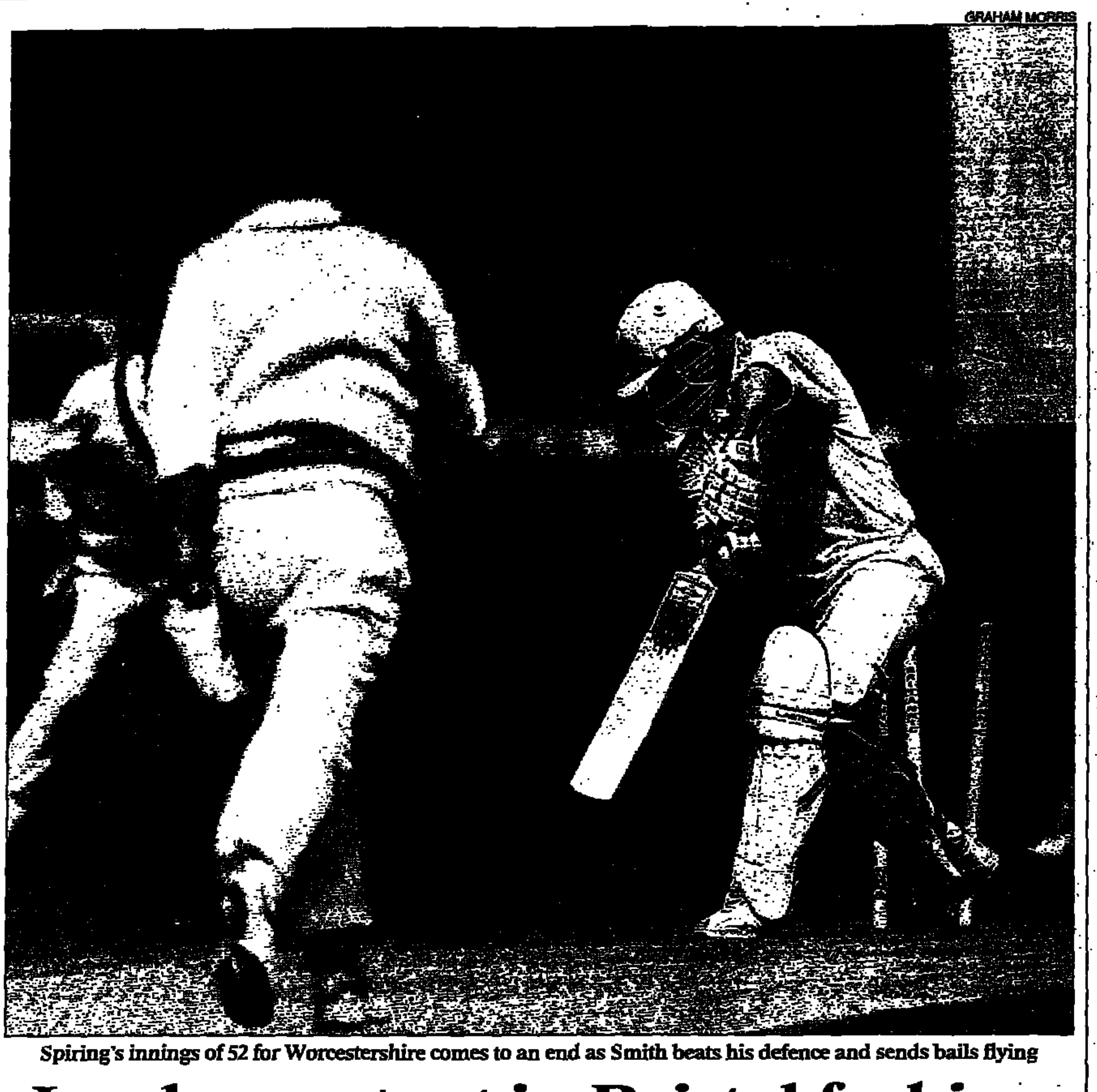
Cowan was well supported by Neil Williams, who took three of the first four wickets in 15 balls after Paul Prichard told Sussex to get their pads on. They were rocking at 17 for four in the sixth over and, hard though Athey tried to pull them round, they were dismissed 25 minutes after lunch for 140.

It was not distinguished batting on a pitch that held few terrors and certainly revealed no great pace. Although the authorities at Lord's will have noted that 15 wickets fell in the day, nobody seriously imagines that Messrs Bird and Burgess, the umpires, are going to report the pitch as anything other than entirely proper.

Cowan was more successful running down the slope rather than up it, where he began the innings. Williams, who reached the veteran stage a year or two ago, is still good for a wicket or two. He would be the first to admit that bowlers of all ages might fancy their chances against Sussex.

☐ A neck injury is likely to prevent Shivnarine Chanderpaul from playing for West Indies in the first Test match against Sri Lanka, which starts today at the Recreation Ground, Kingstown, St Vincent.

GRAHAM MORRIS



Spiring's innings of 52 for Worcestershire comes to an end as Smith beats his defence and sends bails flying

Leaders not yet in Bristol fashion

BY DEREK HODGSON

BRISTOL (first day of four; Worcestershire won toss): Worcestershire have scored 243 for eight wickets against Gloucestershire

THERE were no brass bands or red carpets, the spectators were in their hundreds rather than thousands to greet the homecoming championship leaders. The city's football, with round or oval ball, may be mediocre but the citizens remain blasé about cricket. If Durham were enjoying Gloucestershire's present success, you would not be able to get a seat at the Riverside.

To be fair, not only Bristolians should be curious about the leaders. Mid-table was expected to be the summit of their ambitions, without both Courtney Walsh and Andrew Symonds and with an overseas player unknown outside the Sheffield Shield. So how have they done it?

The climate, damp pitches and heavy atmosphere have helped their attack, based on the swing and seam of Mike Smith, Jon Lewis and Shaun Young. Their close catchers, Jack Russell, Martyn Ball and Monte Lynch, are brilliant. The batting lacks a star but all have contributed, the middle-order is capable of quick acceleration and the tail goes down to No 10. There are any number of bits-and-pieces players in the side, and the fielding rarely falters. Young has adapted quickly and more than lived up to the recommendation of his mentor, Dave Gilbert, the Surrey coach.

Most important is Smith, unwanted by Yorkshire, who has emerged at 29 as an intriguing left-arm medium-pace bowler . He is accurate, of deceptive flight — batsmen are late to pick up his quicker ball — who can move the ball both ways and who stands an excellent chance of playing for England against Australia in the next Test match at Lord's. He has taken 33 wickets at 14, after 60 at 26 in a drier climate last year.

The threat of Smith, under rolling cloud and on a thundery morning, made Worcestershire's decision to bat first mysterious. Two overs were lost to bad light and three overs later Worcestershire had lost two wickets. Tim Curtis was caught at third slip and Philip Weston superbly taken at second slip as Lewis and Smith made the ball move. Graeme Hick drove three beautifully crafted and timed boundaries through mid-off before, half-forward, he was leg-before to a ball that must have deviated very late.

Resistance stiffened as Gavin Haynes joined Reuben Spiring. A further ten overs were lost to the light and just as Haynes had seemed to be striking boldly towards a revival he was bowled by a trimmer from Young as he was aiming a cover drive. David Leatherdale and Vikram Solanki both perished in the mistaken belief that they could hit their way out of trouble, Leatherdale going to the second of two fine catches by Lynch, while Solanki pulled the second ball after lunch and was comfortably swallowed at long leg.

Thereafter Worcestershire, through their acting captain, Steven Rhodes, pulled themselves together. Spiring managed a defiant 52 off 106 balls before being bowled by the returning Smith and Stuart Lampitt proved the required partner as the ball softened, the bowlers tired and the skies cleared.

If Rhodes was wrong to bat first, he compensated by producing the most resolute batting of the day. His first 50 took 139 balls and he and Lampitt added 124 in 53 overs before Rhodes was bowled by Alleyne.

Glamorgan's fortunes restored by battling Croft

Croft: two-season high

CARDIFF (first day of four; Glamorgan won toss): Glamorgan have scored 272 for nine wickets against Middlesex

THANKS to an innings of 82 by Robert Croft, his highest for two seasons, and a strong wag by the tail, Glamorgan fought back from 26 for three to what could prove a winning score against Middlesex at Cardiff. Not until Waqar Younis and Steve Watkin bowl on a pitch of varied bounce and pace, however, will it be known which side has the edge.

Middlesex were saved from a testing few overs against Glamorgan's spearheads when bad light ended play 50 minutes early with the home team's final pair together.

The figures of the Middlesex seamers, notably those of Angus Fraser, who took four for 64, may imply a sound day's work. But 36 extras, 19 of which were byes for which wicketkeeper Keith Brown was all but blameless, point to many wasted runs.

Croft, who gave technical chances at 38 and 48, for the most part batted with composure during his stay of 219 minutes, adding 84 with Matthew Maynard for the fifth wicket and 68 with Gary Butcher for the sixth. He was eighth out, caught at the wicket from a miscued hook against Fraser.

Maynard, who has scored a first-class hundred against every county but Middlesex, looked well on course to complete the set when he chased one of numerous wide balls from Jamie Hewitt, whose outswing was never under full control.

Although Glamorgan batted by choice, conditions before lunch were well suited to the seamers, overcast and humidity helping the ball swing and a well-grassed pitch giving Fraser and Johnson inconsistent and sometimes uncomfortably quick, chest-high bounce from the Cathedral Road end.

Middlesex failed to make the most of their opportunities, however. First, at 26 for three, and then 50 minutes later when Croft walked in at 64 for four, they appeared to be in a position to take as firm a grip on the opening day as did England at Edgbaston.

True, there was an element of luck involved in two of Middlesex's early wickets. James followed a ball from Fraser someone averaging 81 should have judged well enough to leave, while Morris fell to what must have been the catch of Jacques Kallis's young lifetime.

Morris whipped an overpitched inswinger from Hewitt off the meat of the bat only for the South African to clutch it at the full extent of his right arm as he threw himself sideways at leg gully, 15 yards away. Even Kallis could not believe he had held it, lying motionless until his teammates picked him up.

Both times Glamorgan were exposed, Middlesex bowled too many loose balls to take advantage. Maynard counter-attacked with his usual flair and dash, and Cottey hit a trio of cover drives he could go weeks without bettering. To concede 13 fours in a four-wicket session was clumsy bowling. How costly it will prove may be known by tonight.

Somerset fail to capitalise

BY JACK BAILEY

BASINGSTOKE (first day of four: Somerset won toss): Somerset, with four first-innings wickets in hand, are 125 runs behind Hampshire

WHAT with winning the toss and making the right decision — to field — in view of a couple of showers that freshened the pitch for a while, and aided by some good bowling by Andrew Caddick and Graham Rose especially, Somerset took most of the early tricks at May's Bounty. Hampshire struggled past the 200 mark, but only just, and although this would never be a high-scoring game, Somerset would have certainly settled for that.

You cannot rely on Hampshire, however. Within 15 overs they had reduced Somerset to an unlikely 48 for five, went on to take another wicket and, with some helpful co-operation from the Somerset batsmen, they have turned the match around. When 15 or more wickets fall in a day, the pitches inspector may be summoned, but this seems unlikely.

The seam bowlers moved the ball around, certainly, but there was no physical danger. Careless Somerset batting was at least partially responsible for their disastrous start and they cannot have bargained for the brilliant leg-side stumping by Aymes with which James got rid of Turner, first ball.

Another first-ball victim had been Matthew Hayden, scorer of three hundreds in his past four championship matches. Indeed, before Aymes arrived to stiffen resistance and Bovill struck several lusty blows during a last-wicket stand that realised 41, only Jason Laney, Hayden's opening partner, batted with certainty.

He took advantage of some loose stuff from Van Troost and Shine to mount a lone charge that brought him 40 of the 66 runs scored while he was at the wicket. All but eight of his runs came in boundaries and although his bat sounded broken, the weight of his shots gave the lie to that.

Life became more difficult after the weather intervened, the ball had been changed after the original had disappeared into a burger bar and Shine and Van Troost had been replaced by Caddick and Rose. Suddenly, it became a different game. For a while, the ball jagged around off the seam and hostility replaced waywardness, but it was nothing like that for the Hampshire tail, or when Somerset batted.

Stewart takes command

BY IVO TENNANT

THE OVAL (first day of four; Surrey won toss): Surrey have scored 426 for six wickets against Yorkshire

IT IS two years since Alec Stewart last compiled a first-class century for Surrey. That glorious cover drive which he unfurled to complete England's victory at Edgbaston was, in a sense, illusory, for hitherto his highest first-class score this season had been 18. Yesterday, in making an unbeaten double century against Yorkshire, he batted as if he had never been out of touch.

There was no question of Stewart not playing in this match, unlike Darren Gough, who has sore shins, and Graham Thorpe, who at an unearthly hour was helping launch Lord's on to the Internet. Surrey deserve credit for allowing him to rest, as he will miss four championship matches in succession. The members will not care for that.

Stewart: double century

Surrey opted to bat on a dry, white pitch which was giving Stemp considerable assistance before lunch. Alas, he was the sole spinner Yorkshire fielded, although White had a stab at bowling off spin before the close. His 14 overs of medium pace had gone for 65 runs, so it was worth the experiment but Stewart, by then, was collecting runs at will.

Butcher, by contrast, still looks well out of form. He played and missed, or did not properly middle the ball, to the extent that he did not come up with a convincing attacking shot until he swung Stemp for four in the 23rd over. In Morris's second over, having done well, in the circumstances, to make 45, he was nearly held low down at second slip by Byas. Ratcliffe, likewise, was out just before reaching a half-century, caught at slip off Stemp.

Stewart was timing his shots so sweetly that he looked as if he could pick out an advertising board at will, a trick only the very best batsmen can pull off. It is mid-June and yet this was only his seventh first-class innings. The Australians were not alone in lacking proper preparation for the first Test.

Stewart added 141 in 35 overs with Ben Hollioake, who, having made his maiden first-class half-century in Surrey's previous match, struck another full of positive shots. He, too, was caught at slip, Stemp having switched to the Vauxhall end. Brown went without scoring, leg-before to White, in his faster style, but there was another Hollioake to come.

The captain played as well as his brother in making 69 off 72 balls. There could hardly be higher praise unless, of course, he had batted as beautifully as Stewart, who reached a double century for the second time having hit 30 fours off 236 balls. He finished the day only six runs short of the highest of his career, an unbeaten 206 against Essex eight years ago.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Tetley's Challenge Series

Nottinghamshire v Australians

TRENT BRIDGE (second day of three): Australians, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 188 runs behind Nottinghamshire

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings

G E Welton c Gilchrist b Julian	16
M P Dowman c Julian b Reiffel	22
U Afzaal lbw b Kasprowicz	34
N J Astle c Elliott b McGrath	99
†L N P Walker c Bevan b Reiffel	5
*P Johnson c Elliott b Reiffel	6
W M Noon c Gilchrist b Julian	0
K P Evans c M E Waugh b McGrath	21
P J Franks c Gilchrist b McGrath	1
R A Pick b McGrath	7
A R Oram not out	0
Extras (b 1, lb 4, w 1, nb 22)	28
Total	239

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-39, 2-44, 3-121, 4-148, 5-156, 6-173, 7-203, 8-221, 9-236.

BOWLING: McGrath 18.1-4-63-4; Kasprowicz 17-4-54-1; Reiffel 10-3-15-3; Julian 18-1-70-2; Bevan 7-1-32-0.

AUSTRALIANS: First Innings

M T G Elliott not out	20
M J Slater lbw b Evans	14
R T Ponting not out	15
Extras (b 1, w 1)	2
Total (1 wkt)	51

M E Waugh, *S R Waugh, M G Bevan, †A C Gilchrist, B P Julian, P R Reiffel, M S Kasprowicz and G D McGrath to bat.

FALL OF WICKET: 1-29.

BOWLING: Franks 6-2-7-0; Pick 4-0-16-0; Evans 6-0-13-1; Oram 5-1-14-0.

Umpires: J D Bond and B J Meyer.

Britannic Assurance county championship

Glamorgan v Middlesex

CARDIFF (first day of four; Glamorgan won toss): Glamorgan have scored 272 for nine wickets against Middlesex

GLAMORGAN: First Innings

S P James c Brown b Fraser	3
H Morris c Kallis b Hewitt	16
A Dale c Kallis b Fraser	0
*M P Maynard c Brown b Hewitt	59
P A Cottey c Weekes b Johnson	19
R D B Croft c Brown b Fraser	82
G P Butcher c Weekes b Hewitt	21
†A D Shaw b Fraser	0
Waqar Younis c Fraser b Tufnell	26
S D Thomas not out	10
S L Watkin not out	0
Extras (b 15, lb 9, w 8, nb 4)	36
Total (9 wkts, 89 overs)	272

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-26, 3-26, 4-64, 5-148, 6-216, 7-217, 8-240, 9-269.

BOWLING: Fraser 23-4-67-4; Hewitt 23-3-88-3; Kallis 2-2-0-0; Johnson 18-5-49-1; Tufnell 14-4-31-1; Dutch 9-2-13-0.

MIDDLESEX: P N Weekes, J H Kallis, *M R Ramprakash, M W Gatting, J C Pooley, †K R Brown, K P Dutch, R L Johnson, J P Hewitt, A R C Fraser, P C R Tufnell.

Bonus points: Glamorgan 2 Middlesex 4

Umpires: T E Jesty and R A White.

Gloucestershire v Worcestershire

BRISTOL (first day of four; Worcestershire won toss): Worcestershire have scored 243 for eight wickets against Gloucestershire

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

T S Curtis c Wright b Lewis	1
W P C Weston c Lynch b Smith	0
G A Hick lbw b Lewis	12
K R Spiring b Smith	52
G R Haynes b Young	24
D A Leatherdale c Lynch b Alleyne	5
V S Solanki c Smith b Alleyne	0
*†S J Rhodes b Alleyne	78
S R Lampitt not out	51
Extras (b 4, lb 4, w 6, nb 6)	20
Total (8 wkts, 92 overs)	243

R J Chapman and A Sheriyar to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS 1-1, 2-5, 3-19, 4-60, 5-65, 6-65, 7-119, 8-243.

BOWLING. Smith 20-1-46-2; Lewis 22-5-68-2; Young 16-4-48-1; Alleyne 19-6-41-3; Ball 15-5-32-0.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: A J Wright, N J Trainor, R J Cunliffe, M A Lynch, S Young, *M W Alleyne, †R C Russell, T H C Hancock, M C J Ball, A M Smith, J Lewis.

Bonus points: Gloucestershire 3 Worcestershire 1

Umpires: B Dudleston and J F Steele

Hampshire v Somerset

BASINGSTOKE (first day of four; Somerset won toss): Somerset, with four first-innings wickets in hand, are 125 runs behind Hampshire

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings

J S Laney lbw b Rose	40
M L Hayden lbw b van Troost	0
K D James c Bowler b Caddick	6
R A Smith b Rose	17
W S Kendall c Turner b Caddick	6
*J P Stephenson b Shine	16
†A N Aymes lbw b Mushtaq	28
S D Udal lbw b Parsons	1
A D Mascarenhas c Caddick b Mushtaq	9
S J Renshaw not out	7
J N B Bovill c Caddick b Rose	27
Extras (lb 14, w 13, nb 20)	47
Total (70 overs)	204

FALL OF WICKETS. 1-10, 2-66, 3-66, 4-88, 5-92, 6-120, 7-121, 8-162, 9-163.

BOWLING: Shine 10-3-41-1, van Troost 6-1-43-1; Rose 15-7-26-3; Caddick 21-10-42-2; Parsons 7-3-10-1; Mushtaq Ahmed 11-3-28-2.

SOMERSET: First Innings

M N Lathwell c Udal b James	18
*P D Bowler lbw b Renshaw	3
P C L Holloway not out	43
R J Harden lbw b Renshaw	1
K A Parsons lbw b James	1
†R J Turner st Aymes b James	0
G D Rose b Stephenson	1
Mushtaq Ahmed not out	12
Total (6 wkts, 26 overs)	79

A R Caddick, K J Shine and A P van Troost to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-34, 3-39, 4-48, 5-48, 6-59

BOWLING Bovill 5-2-23-0; Renshaw 9-1-20-2; James 8-2-25-3; Stephenson 4-1-11-1

Bonus points Hampshire 3 Somerset 4

Umpires A A Jones and A Clarkson

Lancashire v Kent

OLD TRAFFORD (first day of four; Lancashire won toss): Kent have scored 151 for five wickets against Lancashire

KENT: First Innings

D P Fulton c Fairbrother b Chapple	19
M J Walker c Lloyd b Shadford	45
T R Ward c Haynes b Shadford	16
A P Wells not out	31
M V Fleming c Haynes b Austin	0
M A Ealham c Lloyd b Chapple	15
B J Phillips not out	3
Extras (b 8, w 8, nb 6)	22
Total (5 wkts, 39 overs)	151

P A Strang, *†S A Marsh, M J McCague and J B D Thompson to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-44, 2-76, 3-87, 4-92, 5-135.

BOWLING: Chapple 15-5-45-2; Shadford 8-0-59-2; Austin 12-3-28-1; Ridgway 4-2-11-0.

LANCASHIRE: M A Atherton, S P Titchard, J P Crawley, N H Fairbrother, G D Lloyd, *M Watkinson, I D Austin, G Chapple, D J Shadford, †J J Haynes, P M Ridgway.

Bonus points Lancashire 2 Kent 0

Umpires, J W Holder and G Sharp.

Surrey v Yorkshire

THE OVAL (first day of four; Surrey won toss): Surrey have scored 426 for six wickets against Yorkshire

SURREY: First Innings

J D Ratcliffe c Byas b Stemp	43
M A Butcher c Byas b Morris	45
†A J Stewart not out	200
B C Hollioake c Byas b Stemp	53
A D Brown lbw b White	0
*A J Hollioake lbw b Morris	69
C C Lewis c Moxon b Stemp	6
I D K Salisbury not out	2
Extras (lb 6, w 2)	8
Total (6 wkts, 106 overs)	426

M P Bicknell, Saqlain Mushtaq and J E Benjamin to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-78, 2-92, 3-233, 4-234, 5-366, 6-404.

BOWLING: Hartley 18-2-77-0; Silverwood 17-6-65-0; White 22-2-97-1; Stemp 37-8-119-3; Morris 12-3-62-2.

YORKSHIRE: M D Moxon, R A Kettleborough, *D Byas, D S Lehmann, B Parker, C White, †R J Blakey, A C Morris, P J Hartley, C E W Silverwood, R D Stemp.

Bonus points: Surrey 4 Yorkshire 2

Umpires: R Julian and A G T Whitehead.

Sussex v Essex

HOVE (first day of four, Essex won toss): Essex, with five first-innings wickets in hand, are 92 runs ahead of Sussex

SUSSEX: First Innings

N J Lenham lbw b Williams	3
R K Rao c S G Law b Williams	0
N R Taylor b Cowan	11
C W J Athey c Prichard b Williams	33
K Newell lbw b Williams	1
M Newell c Williams b Cowan	8
*†P Moores c Such b D R Law	19
V C Drakes c Rollins b Cowan	18
A A Khan c sub b Cowan	18
R J Kirtley b Cowan	0
M A Robinson not out	5
Extras (b 5, lb 1, w 2, nb 16)	24
Total (43.2 overs)	140

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-8, 3-14, 4-17, 5-51, 6-84, 7-90, 8-133, 9-133.

BOWLING: Cowan 14.2-2-45-5; Williams 11-2-29-4; Irani 7-3-16-0; S G Law 7-4-13-0; D R Law 4-0-31-1.

Cowan: five wickets against Sussex

ESSEX: First Innings

G A Gooch c Moores b Robinson	13
*P J Prichard b Kirtley	13
N Hussain lbw b Drakes	21
S G Law b Kirtley	31
R C Irani not out	79
A P Grayson run out	41
D R Law not out	15
Extras (b 3, nb 16)	19
Total (5 wkts, 58 overs)	232

†R J Rollins, A P Cowan, N F Williams and P M Such to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-20, 2-38, 3-68, 4-98, 5-192.

BOWLING: Drakes 13-5-47-1, Kirtley 15-1-84-2; Robinson 15-1-51-1; Khan 10-3-35-0, K Newell 5-3-12-0.

Bonus points: Sussex 2 Essex 5

Umpires. H D Bird and G I Burgess.

Warwickshire v Derbyshire

EDGBASTON (first day of four, Derbyshire won toss): Warwickshire, with all first-innings wickets in hand, are 196 runs behind Derbyshire

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings

K J Barnett c Knight b Brown	3
A S Rollins c Smith b Brown	0
C J Adams lbw b Brown	1
T A Tweats b Smith	36
J E Owen c Giles b Brown	8
V P Clarke c Piper b Giles	99
†K M Krikken c Piper b Smith	5
I Blackwell b Giles	2
*P A J DeFreitas c Penney b Smith	24
A J Harris c Ostler b Smith	0
D E Malcolm not out	8
Extras (b 2, lb 2, nb 10)	14
Total (67.2 overs)	200

FALL OF WICKETS 1-3, 2-4, 3-4, 4-16, 5-124, 6-140, 7-145, 8-180, 9-180.

BOWLING Welch 9-3-22-0; Brown 9-2-33-4, Giles 23.2-5-86-2; Edmond 8-1-18-0; Smith 20-9-37-4

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings

*N V Knight not out	0
A J Moles not out	0
Extras (lb 4)	4
Total (no wkt, 4 overs)	4

D L Hemp, T L Penney, D P Ostler, D R Brown, †K J Piper, G Welch, N M K Smith, A F Giles and M D Edmond to bat.

BOWLING. Malcolm 2-2-0-0; Harris 2-2-0-0

Bonus points. Warwickshire 4 Derbyshire 1

Umpires. N T Plews and R Palmer.

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CRICKET: ASTLE DRIVES AUSTRALIANS TO DISTRACTION WITH SWIFT 99 AT TRENT BRIDGE

Reiffel fires early shots in battle for Test place

By Simon Wilde

CLIVE MASON / ALLSPORT

Reiffel bowls the ball that had Dowman, the Nottinghamshire opener, caught by Julian for 22 yesterday

TRENT BRIDGE (second day of three: Australians won toss): The Australians, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 188 runs behind Nottinghamshire

THE trouble with being regarded as world champions — whether the label is official or not — is that everyone wants to have a go at you. Having been given an uncomfortable ride by English players and spectators for the past month, the Australians yesterday found themselves driven to distraction by a New Zealander.

Some Australians think New Zealanders exist for no other purpose than to get under the skin but, even so, they could have done without Nathan Astle making his presence quite so obviously felt. For 2½ hours he carved them around Trent Bridge for 99 runs from 109 balls, 73 of them coming between lunch and tea and 64 in boundaries.

But for him, their seamers might have congratulated themselves on making excellent use of favourable conditions: instead, they had to be content with dismissing Nottinghamshire for 239. McGrath claimed four wickets — the last four of the innings — and Reiffel, in his first appearance of the tour, three for 15 from ten overs. There were seven catches for the wicketkeeper-slips cordon.

Astle had been looking forward to this meeting. He has his eye on a place on New Zealand's tour of Australia later this year, which made the way he played all the more extraordinary. He seemed determined to play one stroke and one stroke alone: an extravagant square drive.

Not that he played it faultlessly. The ball flew off the bat's edge as much as the middle and the more the snicks flew, the more the Australians glared. In the end, the stroke cost him his wicket when a ball of extra bounce from McGrath relocated his outside edge and was caught by Elliott at second slip.

Astle, who joined Nottinghamshire last week, has a habit of spoiling parties, having denied England a Test win in Auckland this year with a remarkable last-wicket stand with Danny Morrison. For entertainment value alone, he deserved his rousing reception from a good-sized Trent Bridge crowd grateful to have some cricket to watch after the first day's wash-out.

To some extent, Astle distorted the touring team's performance, because they bowled better after lunch than they had before, when they conceded fewer runs but generally chose the wrong line and a poor length. They claimed only the wickets of the openers, Welton and Dowman, who gave Reiffel his first scalp with his twelfth ball.

Although he had the least to show for it, Kasprowicz was the pick of the bowlers. He showed genuine pace, beat the bat regularly and broke the only partnership worthy of the name, Astle's third-wicket stand of 77 from 20 overs with Afzaal.

With Kasprowicz and McGrath assured of Test places, Australia's thoughts have switched to the identity of the man who should back this new-ball pair at Lord's next week. The relative performances of Reiffel and Julian were significant. Reiffel, understandably nursing himself back into action, bowled two short spells but consistently put the ball in the right spot.

Julian, on the other hand, bowled 18 overs at a cost of 70 runs and mixed his customary allowance of no-balls and wides with a woefully erratic line. Whenever he strayed outside off stump, Astle punished him mercilessly.

Australia restricted their losses to one wicket before the close only with difficulty. The man to fall was Slater, who failed to make his first innings for a month count by unwisely attempting to pull a straight ball from Evans. Like Julian, he is making it hard for Australia to look his way.

Clarke lifts Derbyshire spirits

By Pat Gibson

EDGBASTON (first day of four; Derbyshire won toss): Warwickshire, with all first-innings wickets in hand, are 196 runs behind Derbyshire

IF Dean Jones felt that the Derbyshire players did not give him enough support, goodness knows what Phillip DeFreitas, his successor, was thinking last night. Had it not been for Vince Clarke, who fell one run short of a maiden first-class century, Derbyshire might have lost two captains in one day.

Mind you, DeFreitas was asking for trouble. Mark Taylor is the only previous captain to have opted to bat first at Edgbaston this season so it was not altogether surprising that Derbyshire, in their present state, made an even worse start than Australia.

Perhaps DeFreitas felt that with Donald, Munton and Small all missing through injury, the Warwickshire attack was there for the taking. But Dougie Brown swiftly disabused him on a pitch that was green and bouncy.

His first ball spat at Barnett who could only edge it to second slip where Knight took a brilliant one-handed catch. His fifth ball was short and lifting and Rollins obligingly hooked it to long leg. Then, in his next over, Brown nipped one back to claim Adams leg-before. Derbyshire were four for three and it was soon 16 for four when Owen was caught at third slip.

Brown had taken four for nine in 5.3 overs but that was as far as he got. Clarke, yet another of the growing band of Anglo-Australians, reacted positively to the crisis and with Tim Tweats staunch at the other end, the next 50 runs came from only 45 balls.

Helped by a couple of dropped catches, they went on to add 108 in 35 overs for the fifth wicket before Tweats was bowled at the start of a good spell by Neil Smith, who went on to take three more wickets. But he could not dislodge Clarke, who did not even seem too perturbed by the fact that Malcolm was his last remaining partner. He had reached 99 in just over three hours when he tried to cut Giles and was caught behind. He deserved better.

Lancashire miss green light

By Richard Hobson

OLD TRAFFORD (first day of four; Lancashire won toss): Kent have scored 151 for five wickets against Lancashire

IT IS perhaps as well that play did not begin until 3.15 yesterday. A full day could easily have yielded the 15 wickets that precipitate a visit from the pitches inspector, so frequently did ball pass bat.

With that in mind, Kent, beaten just twice in all competitions this season, will not be quite as upset with their progress in the 32 overs bowled as a score of 151 for five would ordinarily dictate. The pitch is verdant and the emerald appearance has not, so far, deceived. Indeed, when Glen Chapple produced a bouncer that soared over Jamie Haynes, the wicketkeeper, for four byes, Martin McCague must have been rubbing his hands in anticipation.

Dean Headley is missing because of his persistent back injury, but that is nothing alongside Lancashire's injury problems. Even Dav Whatmore, the coach, is in the wars after splitting his thumb during fielding practice this week. Among the troops, Gallian and Hegg are out and so, more crucially, are Peter Martin and Wasim Akram. How that latter pair would have enjoyed themselves yesterday.

None of the Kent top order was ever "in", not even the left-handed Walker, who made the top score, of 45. In treacherous conditions, Kent rightly decided to play their strokes rather than prod around. As a result, all five dismissals were to catches behind the stumps, two to the wicketkeeper and three to the slips.

Fulton was particularly uncertain against Chapple, who eventually induced an edge, while Ward could not resist a rising delivery from Shadford and offered a routine chance to Haynes. Walker gave Shadford a second wicket in his next over and Fleming gave another catch to Haynes when Austin darted one away.

Wells, unbeaten on 31, had been dropped by Lloyd on one and six. How expensive those misses were will become apparent today, although Lloyd atoned, in part, with a superb diving effort to account for Ealham.

BOXING

Hamed learns value of ABC

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

NASEEM HAMED plans to make a big impression on American sports fans. The next defence of his International Boxing Federation (IBF) and World Boxing Organisation titles will be made on ABC television and not Showtime, the cable company that has so far featured the charismatic featherweight.

The bout will not take place in the United States, as had been expected, but at Wembley Arena on July 19. Through ABC, it is expected to have an audience of around 200 million. An opponent has not yet been finalised, but the most likely one is Hector Lizarragu, of the United States, the No 1 IBF contender.

Hamed's promoter, Frank Warren, said that Don King, Warren's partner, had wanted to put Hamed on the card of a significant promotion in the United States on the same day, but Warren prefers to have the Sheffield man heading his own show.

Warren had hoped to put on a unification bout against Wilfredo Vasquez, the World Boxing Association champion, or Luisito Espinoza, who holds the World Boxing Council title, but neither was available. However, Warren said it was almost certain that, after Lizarragu, Hamed would meet one of them.

"The audience on ABC will be 40 or 50 times bigger than on Showtime. It's a big chance for Naz to impress on American television and after that we'll go into a deal with Showtime or HBO," Warren said. "This fight is very important for us because another American company have got behind a British boxer."

Hamed said: "When the time's right I'll be boxing in Vegas and be top of the bill."

The promotion at Wembley by Warren is a breakthrough. He had been trying for 18 years to put on a show at the venue but was not able to secure a booking.

IN BRIEF

Seeds make smooth progress

THE top three seeds advanced to the quarter-finals of the DFS Classic tennis tournament at Edgbaston yesterday, without dropping a set in their third-round matches. Irina Spirlea, of Romania, the No 1 seed, proved too powerful for the unseeded Nicole Arendt, of the United States, winning 6-3, 6-4.

Nathalie Tauziat, of France, the No 2 seed, also encountered few problems in beating Olga Barabanschikova, of Belarus, 7-5, 6-1, while Lisa Raymond, the No 3 seed, overcame her doubles partner, Miriam Oremans, 6-3, 7-6.

Jordan recovers

Basketball: Michael Jordan recovered from a stomach complaint to lead the Chicago Bulls to a 90-87 victory over the Utah Jazz on Wednesday night, leaving the champions one win away from their fifth National Basketball Association title in seven years. Jordan, who played for all but four minutes, scored 38 points. The sixth game in the best-of-seven series is in Chicago tonight.

Selwyn go clear

Rowing: Selwyn forged well clear at the top of the women's second division on the second day of the Cambridge University May Races yesterday. 1st and 3rd Trinity made their second bump this week by catching Girton coming out of Ditton Corner. In the midday re-row, Peterhouse men caught St Catharine's.

Boardman doubt

Cycling: Rochester hosts the seventh in the series of ten World Cup road races on August 17 but Chris Boardman may not be there. If the world pursuit champion fares well in the Tour de France in July, he may miss the World Cup race to prepare for the Tour of Spain in September.

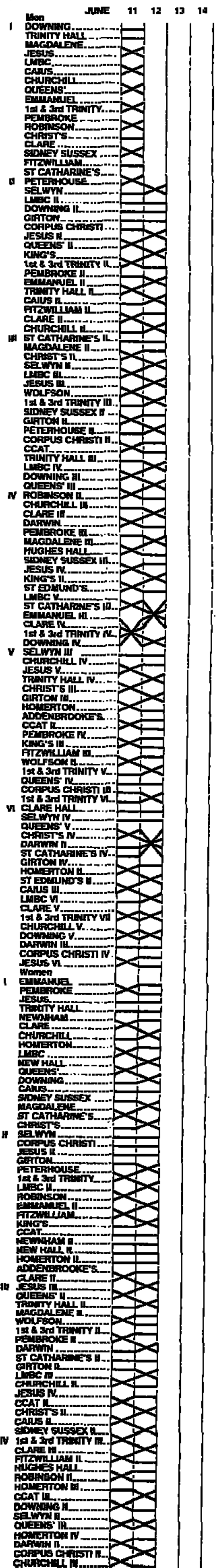
Little favourite

Powerboating: Peter Little and Dave Arthur, his co-driver, won the second leg of the three-race two-litre world championship off Guernsey, making them favourites to take the title in the final race tomorrow. The Oxford pair led from shortly after the start, the choppy seas suiting their monohull. Ulrik Ingvarsson, from Sweden, their closest rival, dropped out with a seized engine.

Krajicek beaten

Tennis: Richard Krajicek, of Holland, lost to Richey Reneberg in the second round of the Gerry Weber Open in Halle, Germany, yesterday. The American failed to break the Wimbledon champion's service but won 4-6, 7-6, 7-6.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY MAY ROWING RACES



EQUESTRIANISM

Hoy scores personal best in dressage test

By Jenny MacArthur

UNDISTURBED by the shrieks of the resident peacocks, Andrew Hoy, a member of Australia's Olympic gold medal-winning team in Atlanta, took the lead at the rain-soaked Bramham International Horse Trials yesterday after an exceptional dressage test on Swizzle In, a horse he first sat on two weeks ago.

Hoy, 38, produced a test of such accuracy and elegance that it earned four scores of nine (out of ten), one of which was for the difficult "flying change". His score of 37 was Hoy's best in a career that includes team gold medals at the last two Olympics. "I always have my best ride when someone else has trained the horse," he said.

Swizzle In's owner, Gina Flood, based in Wiltshire, is the trainer reponsible, with regular help from Britain's leading dressage rider, Emil Faurie. Flood retired on the horse at Punchestown last month and Hoy was asked to take over the ride when she had to return to her native Bermuda to rearrange her visa.

Mark Todd, New Zealand's dual Olympic gold medal-winner, in second place on Broadcast News, also deflected the credit for his impressive performance. "He's been very well trained," Todd said, referring to the horse's previous rider, Vicky Latta.

With Pippa Funnell, the runner-up at Punchestown, a close third on Emma Lewthwaite's magnificent Supreme Rock, and Ian Stark in fourth place on his chance ride, Positive Rain, no quarter will be given in the speed and endurance phase.

None of the leaders can afford complacency. Hoy has had just one cross-country school on Swizzle In and intends to pay "close attention" to the corners on Mark Phillips's 33-fence course.

Todd had a fall at Poplar Park, his first event with Broadcast News, while Stark will be hoping his brakes work, for Positive Rain ran away with his usual rider, Jonquil Hemming, at Punchestown. Funnell's successes with Supreme Rock have been punctuated by the odd hiccup, most recently at Longleat ten days ago.

LEADERS (after first day of dressage): 1, Swizzle In (A Hoy, Aus) 37.0. 2, Broadcast News (M Todd, NZ) 41.4. 3, Supreme Rock (P Funnell, GB) 43.0. 4, Positive Rain (I Stark, GB) 46.0. 5, Walking on Water (M Ryan, Aus) 46.8. 6, William Hill (N McDonnell, GB) 48.8.

HOCKEY

Late penalty brings win for England

ENGLAND added to the list of recent British sporting successes by defeating Pakistan, the World Cup holders, 4-3 on the opening day of the Rabobank International tournament here in Breda yesterday (Sydney Friskin writes).

Russell Garcia converted a penalty stroke with five minutes left to put England ahead in an extraordinary match. At half-time, Pakistan were happily launched with an arguably flattering 2-0 lead, but they were unable to prevent a strong counterattacks by their opponents in the second half.

England took charge in the early minutes but could not translate their territorial advantage into goals. Pakistan responded to the early pressure with two goals by Kamran Ashraf, who should have had a third but for poor ball control. England's second-half offensive gained them three goals in quick succession, all resulting from short corners — Giles (twice), and Lee the beneficiaries.

Pakistan renewed their efforts and levelled the score in the 64th minute but Garcia's penalty brought a first England victory over Pakistan since the World Cup tournament in Sydney in 1994.

GOLF

Moodie blows away the blues

By Patricia Davies

MOODIE the unready was transformed into Moodie the merciless as the leading qualifier recovered from a poor start to stroke her way imperiously into the third round of the British women's amateur championship at a sodden Cruden Bay yesterday.

Janice Moodie took time to warm up on a morning that had the club chef rejoicing that he worked in the kitchen. After five holes, the Curtis Cup veteran was three down to Clare Lipscombe, of Cirencester, but, 22 holes later, Moodie had disposed of the Gloucestershire woman and Claire Hargan, a fellow Scot unfortunate enough to meet her in the second round.

Moodie was three under par for the 11 holes played in the afternoon and was back inside before the first round had been completed.

Mhairi McKay, who left San Francisco on Friday, coped with the change in temperature — "You know you're home," she said. The Scot proved too experienced for Becky Brewerton, the 14-year old Welsh girl who exceeded all expectations in her first championship, and then survived a tough battle against Lesley Nicholson, a Scotland international.

McKay now plays her Curtis Cup team-mate, Karen Stupples, but Elaine Ratcliffe, another Curtis Cup player, was undone, for the second year in a row, by Becky Morgan, of Wales, the runner-up at Hoylake last year.

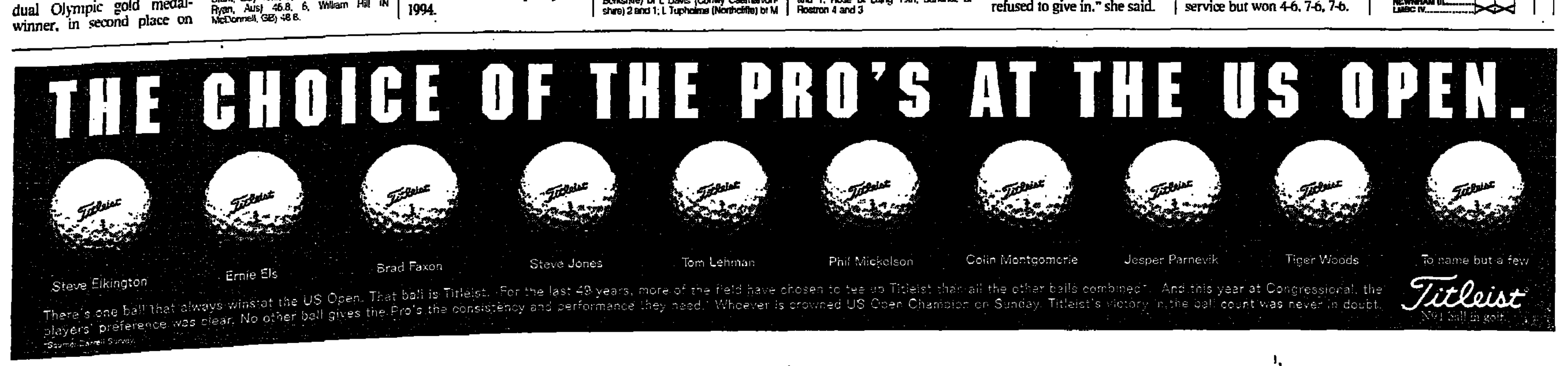
Morgan, fresh from university in North Carolina, would prefer drier conditions today, as would most players. The only exception might be Morgan's next opponent, Sarah Sanderson, of The Berkshire, who made the astounding claim that she liked the weather. "It's like being on exercise," the auburn-haired 30-year-old said cheerfully, having just beaten Wendy Warrington, the last of the South African contingent, at the 18th.

Sanderson has served in the Army — "I did all the rough stuff" — and she had needed all that ingrained toughness (her father was an Army man) to outlast Louise Davis, a Wales international, in the first round. The Englishwoman had to pull her own trolley and she reckoned that it was stubborness that pulled her through at the 17th. "I just refused to give in," she said.

RESULTS FROM CRUDEN BAY

FIRST ROUND: J Moodie (Windyhill) bt C Lipscombe (Cirencester) 3 and 2; C Hargan (Dundee University) bt B Hackett (Castlerory) 6 and 5. M Alsuguren (Fr) bt S Gillemo (Swe) 19th; S Marais (SA) bt K Tenniswood (Wentworth) 5 and 4. E Esterl (Ger) bt L Morton (Tulliallan) 2 and 1; S Cavalleri (It) bt C Grady (Bawburgh) 2 and 1; S Wood (Aberdoen Ladies') bt F Lemperc (Holl) 4 and 2: M McGreevy (Rossmore) bt K Macintosh (Aus) 2 and 1: M McKay (Turnberry) bt R Brewerton (Abergele and Pensarn) 3 and 2. L Nicholson (Heriot Watt University) bt A-J Eathorne (Can) 4 and 3. L Mackay (Golspie) bt K Taylor (Sandiford Springs) 1 hole, K Stupples (Royal Cinque Ports) bt C Salas (US) 6 and 5; E R Power (Kilkenny) bt J Hackmott (Chester) 4 and 3. N Nijenhuis (Holl) bt G Nocera (Fr) 3 and 1. E Pilgrim (Celtic Manor) bt N Evans (Pleasington) 19th; V Roques (Fr) bt E Farquharson-Black (Deeside) 1 hole. B Morgan (Monmouth) bt K Moggach (Portlethen) 3 and 2; E Ratcliffe (Sandiway) bt E Dowdall (Wexford) 5 and 4. W Warrington (SA) bt K Burns (Clydebank and District) 6 and 4; S Sanderson (The Berkshire) bt L Davis (Conwy Caernarvonshire) 2 and 1; L Tupholme (Northcliffe) bt M Prieto (Sp) 7 and 6. M Hedberg (Swe) bt L Urquhart (Banchory) 7 and 6; L Kreutz (Fr) bt Y Cassidy (Dundalk) 1 hole; K M Juul (Den) bt K Knowles (Worplesdon) 5 and 4. R Hudson (Wheatley) bt A Tournant (Fr) 2 and 1; K Burton (St George's Hill) bt I Rosberg (Swe) 20th. M Neggers (Holl) bt G Simpson (Cleckheaton and District) 4 and 2. M Zelsmann (Holl) bt J Lindbergh (Swe) 5 and 3; A Rose (Stirling) bt S Amicau (Fr) 1 hole; A Laing (Heriot Watt University) bt C Ritson (Ormskirk) 4 and 3; K Rostron (Clitheroe) bt A Larranela (Sp) 3 and 2; A B Sánchez (Sp) bt C Marron (Bromborough) 5 and 3.

SECOND ROUND: Moodie bt Hargan 9 and 7; Alsuguren bt Marais 1 hole; Cavalleri bt Esterl 3 and 2; Wood bt McGreevy 2 and 1; McKay bt Nicholson 1 hole; Stupples bt Mackay 3 and 1; Power bt Nijenhuis 2 and 1; Pilgrim bt Roques 23rd; Morgan bt Ratcliffe 3 and 2. Sanderson bt Warrington 2 holes; Hedberg bt Tupholme 4 and 3; K M Juul (Den) bt L Kreutz (Fr) 2 holes; Burton bt Hudson 3 and 2; Zelsmann bt Neggers 2 and 1; Rose bt Laing 19th; Sánchez bt Rostron 4 and 3



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RUGBY UNION

Tait is given chance to claim place on left wing

FROM DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT, IN DURBAN

NINE days ago Tim Rodber, the England No 8, roundly declared that there are no "dirt-trackers" — as midweek XVs are known — on the British Isles tour of South Africa. The players were one squad, united in their resolve to beat South Africa, he said. The time is fast approaching, though, when the management must make up its mind. The problem is that, whenever some pieces of the jigsaw seem to be falling into place, somebody jolts the table.

On the face of it, the Lions who played against Northern Transvaal last Saturday contained more potential members of the optimum XV. They lost, however, and the side that beat Gauteng in Johannesburg on Wednesday thrust itself, almost *en bloc*, into the international frame. If, for example, the tour selectors were to listen to Kitch Christie — who coached South Africa to the World Cup two years ago — they would field Neil Back against South Africa in Capetown on June 21. Yet it is clear that the front-runners as flankers are Lawrence Dallaglio and Richard Hill, both of whom have played consistently well.

Christie has no doubts regarding Back. "I have seen him play for Leicester, I have seen him play against us for the Barbarians. I have watched every game he has played on tour and he has always stood out — what else has he got to do?" Christie, who has now stepped back from the game, said.

In Christie's view, the Lions should field their likely international XV against Natal, the Currie Cup champions, here tomorrow, but they will not do so. Instead, as the Lions landed at Durban, Fran Cotton, the manager, acknowledged that players will still be competing for places in Wellington next Tuesday, against the Emerging Springboks, four days before the international series begins.

"We are very lucky that all the squad have played well and we need these next two games for the players to show us what they can do," Cotton said. He is determined that no player will be able to say that he has not been given a fair chance against an opponent of quality.

He is also happy that injuries appear to be clearing up. Allan Bateman's improved hamstring should allow him to play at centre tomorrow alongside Scott Gibbs, and an X-ray yesterday on Tony Underwood's bruised neck and shoulder revealed no lasting damage. Jeremy Davidson would have played at lock ahead of Simon Shaw, but needs to rest a slight hamstring pull.

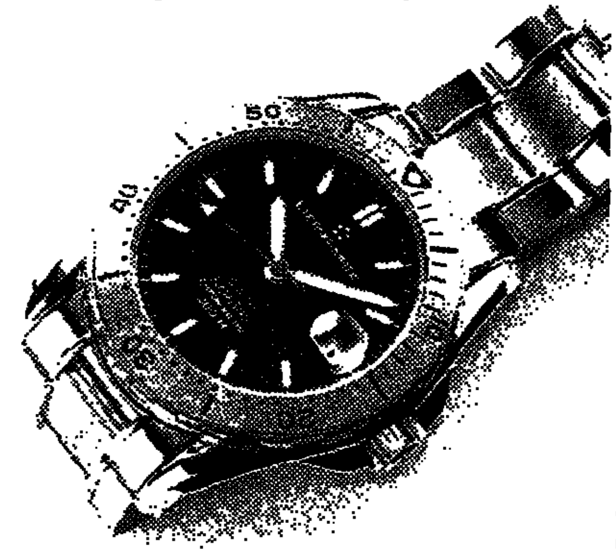
Alan Tait is given a full game on the wing, the position to which he moved last Saturday. This in itself is indicative of the problem that the management face in deciding the left-wing berth. Ieuan Evans can be regarded as a certainty on the right, but Underwood's defensive performance against Gauteng was much improved, while John Bentley's try demonstrated the capacity of so many players to offer arguments for inclusion.

It was a remarkable score. "I would like to say that John's try was the result of a lot of pressure, but it was a moment of individual brilliance" Rodber, the captain on Wednesday night, said.

Bentley, 30, has never been the swiftest of wings, but he has immense pride in his personal performances, which carried him initially to his two England caps in 1988, when he was with Sale.

"The Gauteng full back was coming across, so I couldn't go for the corner," Bentley said of the 60-metre run that took him down the right wing, then back across the grain of the defence and through a tackle ten metres short of the line. "I was left with no option but to head towards the posts. There was no way I was going to get stopped, but it was the icing on the cake of a great team performance. Sometimes you have to put up or shut up. It was up to me to play the best I could and, as far as confidence goes, my try was very pleasing. The show's back on the road."

TEAM (to play Natal tomorrow): N Jenkins (Pontypridd and Wales); I Evans (Llanelli and Wales), A Bateman (Richmond and Wales), S Gibbs (Swansea and Wales), A Tait (Newcastle and Scotland); G Townsend (Northampton and Scotland), R Howley (Cardiff and Wales), T Smith (Watsonians and Scotland), K Wood (Harlequins and Ireland), D Young (Cardiff and Wales), L Dallaglio (Wasps and England), M Johnson (Leicester and England, captain), S Shaw (Bristol and England), R Hill (Saracens and England), E Miller (Leicester and Ireland) Replacements: N Beal (Northampton and England), M Catt (Bath and England), M Dawson (Northampton and England), M Regan (Bristol and England), J Leonard (Harlequins and England), R Wainwright (Watsonians/Army and Scotland)



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Villeneuve still finds a smile after his brush with the authorities in Paris this week

Villeneuve determined to repay debt of loyalty

MICHAEL CALVIN

on the driver ready to rise above his troubles

Jacques Villeneuve responded to the inevitable indignities of public accountability yesterday, when he was the prize exhibit at Montreal's Museum of Fine Arts. The tranquil setting of his only promotional appearance before the Canadian Grand Prix on Sunday was suitably deceptive.

Contrition was not on the agenda, despite his transatlantic round trip the previous day from Quebec to the Paris headquarters of the FIA, motor sport's world governing body. As trips to the headmaster's study go, it was long, tedious and expensive.

Villeneuve, forced to charter a private jet for the hearing, was warned about his future conduct by the FIA's world council, which took exception to the crudities that accompanied his criticism of the rule changes planned for Formula One from next year.

"Everyone is entitled to free expression of their opinion, but in a dignified and responsible manner," an official statement said. Villeneuve, informed that any similar vulgarity would be treated with "the utmost severity", admitted his indiscretion without apologising for the strength of his sentiments.

"I will continue to say what I believe in," he said. "I don't know if that upsets them, but the reason I spoke out is that I believe in something that is important to me as far as racing is concerned. I should have chosen better words and instead of talking when I can't think straight I'll take a breath, speak slower and think things through."

The short-notice summons to France, in the most conspicuously pressurised week of his working year, was an implicit reminder that Villeneuve's status as world championship favourite does not offer immunity from official displeasure.

Villeneuve, an instinctive character, who feels he has earned the right to be true to himself, however controversial the circumstances, was angered by the timing of the disciplinary action. Since his comments had been criticised by Max Mosley, the FIA president, during the drivers' briefing before the Monaco Grand Prix last month, he felt the issue lacked urgency.

"The issue is closed," he said, but, given the persecution complex that has gripped Canadian sport since Ben Johnson's exposure as sport's most notorious cheat, the case has predictably become a *cause célèbre*.

Seven local television stations carried live coverage of the press conference yesterday and some observers speculated, absurdly, that Villeneuve's presence at his home grand prix, on the circuit named after his father, Gilles, had been threatened.

Instead, the only absentee from the 69-lap race, which should suit the blend of power and durability epitomised by Villeneuve's Williams, will be Gerhard Berger, of Benetton, who has withdrawn on medical advice. He has been suffering from sinus problems, and will be replaced by his fellow Austrian, Alexander Wurz.

The latest diversion in Benetton's troubled season offers a typically sudden opportunity for Wurz, 23, to emerge from the twilight world of test driving. He is a member of one of Formula One's most distinctive subspecies, drivers whose work is conducted on deserted tracks that echo to their unfulfilled ambition.

Few know their names, but a test driver undertakes key development duties for around 30 days a season. They have the responsibility for detecting and distilling the lessons of hundreds of laps, and need apparently contradictory virtues. They must be instinctive, in order to "feel" the limits of their car, yet be sufficiently clinical to transmit complicated technical information to the engineers.

The most convincing product of the system is Damon Hill, whose analytical approach, developed during his time as understudy at Williams, is a prized asset. Wurz, who punctuated his apprenticeship by becoming the youngest winner of Le Mans last year, excelled in recent Silverstone testing, when he was fifth fastest, 0.8sec off the quickest time, by Villeneuve.

This weekend, however, will be an altogether more rigorous examination of character. A grand prix has a fearsome intensity for the inexperienced, and Benetton are struggling to overcome fundamental problems with their car.

Wurz will settle for competence while nothing less than giving Williams their 100th grand prix win will suffice for Villeneuve. Record crowds are expected to flock to the track, set close to Montreal's city centre, on the Ile Notre Dame in the middle of the St Lawrence River.

Villeneuve left Canada at the age of six, to join his father in the Formula One ghetto of Monaco, but he makes great play of his enduring reverence for his roots.

In return, the French-speaking Quebecois empathise with Villeneuve's disdain for authority. This is a singular city, which staged a ratepayers' revolt when the authorities threatened to ban unpasteurised cheese. Villeneuve is its favourite son, and is ready to repay its loyalty.

> 'His status as favourite does not offer immunity from official displeasure'

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 42

BROGGER
(a) An agent or jobber, especially a corrupt jobber of offices. Portesen, 1460: "No man durst take an office but he first had ye good will of ye said broggers and engrossers of offices." John Stow: "They were called broggers in a Statute, none to be broggers in any mystery unless chosen by the same mystery."

SPRAGGER
(c) One who checks or stops (a wheel) by inserting a sprag (chock bar). *The Times*, 1884: "A spragger is to be found on all mineral railways or tramways, his business being to sprag the wheels when going down an incline."

BLAGGER
(b) A robber or bag-snatcher. J. Hay, 1945: "Another is known as the blagger or snatcher. These are usually young louts who specialise in snatching ladies' handbags and bolting off."

SQUEGGER
(c) An oscillator, in which the oscillations build up to a certain amplitude and then cease for a time before beginning again the production of such oscillations. 1939, *Radio Amateurs' Handbook*: "Too much feedback will cause the oscillator to squegger or operate at several frequencies simultaneously."

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TELEVISION CHOICE

A poetic homecoming

Scene: Poetry Backpack
BBC2, Midday

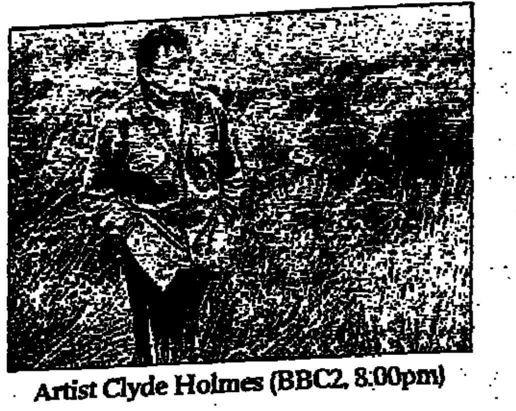
Once again schoolchildren are favoured with a programme that would not shame the intelligence or sensibility of many adults as the poet Grace Nichols, long resident in London, makes a brief return to her native Guyana. It is a difficult trip, and not only because she is nervous of flying. She knows that she has changed since she was last in the Caribbean and that she cannot simply reconnect with the people and the landscape as if she had never been away. All of which provides an appropriate context for selections from her verse, which is rooted as much in the sugar cane fields and hellfire preachers of Guyana as in the roar of London traffic. The film amply supports Nichols's contention that poetry should have a personal signature and should be enjoyed first and foremost as an emotional experience.

Visions of Snowdonia
BBC2, 8.00pm

You would not think that Snowdonia could yield so much televisual richness but this series continues to impress with the strength and diversity of its material. The latest subject is Clyde Holmes who came to the area from London 25 years ago in search of solitude and new inspiration for his painting and poetry. For a quarter of a century the wild landscapes have fed his obsession to capture nature in paint and verse and he feels he has only just begun. He lives with his family in a spartan cottage, without electricity and a mile and a half from the nearest road. There is one bus a week to the nearest town. It seems hard on his German wife and his children, who actually enjoy the company of other people and suffer for his art more than he does. But they are loyal enough not to come before the camera and say so.

Gardeners' World
BBC2, 8.30pm

Having done an excellent job recently on the Chelsea Flower Show, Alan Titchmarsh now reminds us that London does not have a monopoly of horticultural treats. With two regular contributors to this series, Gay Search and Pippa Greenwood, he is at the *Gardeners' World* own show at the NEC in Birmingham. The site may not have Chelsea's unique ambience but it offers a much more spacious environment in which to enjoy 25 show gardens, stands displaying garden equipment and a huge floral marquee in which plants are not only on display but are also for sale. Other exhibits offer advice on drought-tolerant planting and show how crops from the developing world get to our high street shops. You can rely on Titchmarsh and the team for the usual blend of knowledge and enthusiasm.



Artist Clyde Holmes (BBC2, 8.00pm)

The Man Who Made Husbands Jealous
ITV, 9.00pm

As Jilly Cooper's saga of adulterous men and cheated wives moves into its second episode, the pattern of bed-hopping is becoming so predictable that the plot might have been worked out on graph paper. The enjoyment comes not from being surprised but in having one's hunches realised. In the world according to Cooper, every middle-aged man is having an affair with a younger women. One remedy for the wives would be to file for divorce. But Cooper allows them to have their revenge by taking a toyboy lover, in the decidedly handsome shape of one Lysander Hawkley. He is played by the more conventionally named Stephen Billington, who will have more testing parts as his career progresses. The same can be said for the rest of the cast, who continue to battle gamely with unpromising dialogue. **Peter Waymark**

RADIO CHOICE

Feedback
Radio 4, 9.45am

The arrival of a new series of *Feedback* always lifts the hearts of middle England, a mythic, or perhaps emblematic, territory where resides a strange and wonderful army of people who listen to BBC radio output with ears straining for every slip and, especially, for every sign that standards are falling. In the past the procedure has been that they would write a stiff letter to *Feedback* and a BBC producer, or department head, would come on the programme and patronise the listeners, thus producing more furious letters. But one thing has changed for the better of late: the BBC types get a yellow card from on high if they patronise listeners on *Feedback*, a development which is a small triumph for the presenter Chris Dunkley and his team.

Bath International Music Festival
Radio 3, 7.30pm

Wells Cathedral is one of the most glorious buildings in all of Britain with a West Front which is pure archaeological poetry. Not only does Wells look good but its acoustics have the purity of a bell, so listeners who have visited the cathedral will get an imaginative and aural thrill from this concert, recorded by the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra under Simon Rattle, with the soprano Judith Howarth. The works, which reflect the Resurrection theme at this year's festival, are *Threnody for the Victims of Hiroshima* by Penderecki, a sombre piece which contrasts with the upbeat vision of eternity in Messiaen's *Et Exspecto Resurrectionem Mortuorum*. Mahler's fourth symphony completes the evening. **Peter Barnard**

RADIO 1

7.00am Mark Radcliffe **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Jo Whiley **2.00pm** Nicky Campbell, includes Afternoon Lovefeast **4.00** Kevin Greening **6.15** Newsbeat **6.30** Pete Tong — Essential Selection **10.00** One in the Jungle **3.00am** Charlie Jordan

RADIO 2

6.00am Sarah Kennedy **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **1.30pm** Debbie Thrower **3.00** Ed Stewart **5.05** Chris Serle **7.00** Hubert Gregg **7.30** Friday Night is Music Night **9.15** Born Free (2/8) **9.30** A Taste of Brass **10.00** Sheridan Morley **12.05am** Jo Briggs **2.30** Pause for Thought with Michael Walsh

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports **6.00** The Breakfast Programme **9.00** The Magazine **12.00** Midday with Mair **2.00** Ruscoe on Five **4.00** Julian Worricker Nationwide **7.00** News Extra **7.20** Friday Sport. Includes commentary on Castleford Tigers v Hunter Mariners in the Super League world club championship. Plus news from the game between Adelaide Rams and Leeds Rhinos **10.00** Paper Talk with Brian Alexander and Jay Rayner **11.00** News Extra **12.00** After Hours with Allan Beswick **2.00am** Up All Night

TALK RADIO

5.00am Chris Ashley and Sandy Warr **7.00** Paul Ross **9.00** Scott Chisholm **12.00** Lorraine Kelly **2.00pm** Tommy Boyd **4.00** Drivetime, with Peter Deeley **7.00** Moz Dee's Sportszone **10.00** Mike Allen **1.00am** Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. News on the hour. **6.00am** Newsday **6.30** Europe **7.15** World Today **7.30** Pick of the World **8.15** Off the Shelf **8.30** Music Review **9.10** Pause for Thought **9.15** Performance **9.30** John Peel **10.05** Business **10.15** Born a Girl **10.30** BBC English **10.45** Sport **11.30** Assignment **12.30pm** Faith **1.05** Business **1.15** Britain **1.30** Visions of Reality **1.45** Sport **2.00** Newshour **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Multitrack **4.05** Football **4.15** Twists of Nature **4.30** News in German **5.00** Europe **5.30** Business **5.45** Britain **6.15** World Today **6.30** News in German **6.40** Spotlight **6.45** Sport **7.30** Faith **8.01** Outlook **8.25** Pause for Thought **8.30** Multitrack **9.00** Newshour **10.05** Business **10.15** Britain **10.30** People and Politics **10.45** Sport **11.30** World Today **11.45** Sport **12.05am** Outlook **12.30** Multitrack **1.30** From the Weeklies **1.45** Britain **2.30** Streets of London **3.30** People and Politics **4.05** Business **4.15** Sport **4.30** Weekend **4.45** Off the Shelf **5.00** Outlook **5.45** Music Brief

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths **6.00** Alan Mann **9.00** Henry Kelly **1.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto **3.00** Jamie Crick **7.00** Newsnight **7.30** Sonata. Mozart (Violin Sonata in G major) **8.00** Evening Concert. Smetana (From Bohemia's Woods and Fields); Stravinsky (Three Movements for Petrouchka); Suk (Serenade for Strings); Dvořák (Symphony No 5 in F major Op 76) **10.00** Michael Mappin **2.00am** Lunchtime Concerto (r)

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono's Breakfast Experience **10.00** Graham Dene **1.00pm** Jeremy Clark **4.00** Nicky Horne **7.00** Paul Coyte (FM) / Robin Banks (AM) **10.00** Alan Freeman **12.00** Mark Forrest **2.00am** Richard Porter

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air, with Penny Gore. Includes Mozart (Symphony No 25 in G minor, K183); Malcolm Arnold (Overture, The Smoke); Hovhaness (Khrimian Hairig); Smetana (Overture: Libuse); Handel, arr Steele-Perkins (Airs from Vauxhall Gardens), Franz Reizenstein, real Martin (Variations on The Lambeth Walk)
9.00 Morning Collection, with Peter Hobday. Includes Mozart (Piano Sonata in F, K533); Rachmaninov, orch Stokowski (Prelude in C sharp minor); Debussy (Fantasie for Piano and Orchestra)
10.00 Musical Encounters, with Kirsteen McCue. Includes Vivaldi (Gloria in D); Respighi (Three Botticelli Pictures); C.P.E. Bach (Flute Sonata in E minor); William Wallace (The Passing of Beatrice); Shostakovich (Piano Quintet)
12.00 Composer of the Week: Ravel
1.00pm News; Manchester Summer Recitals. Main Nicolson introduces a live celebration of the music of Percy Grainger. Includes choral settings of folk songs from the British Isles, songs and characteristic piano miniatures, including *Country Gardens, Irish Tune from County Derry, British Waterside, Brigg Fair, A Bridal Lullaby* and *Shallow Brown*. With Stephen Varcoe, baritone, Martin Hindmarch, tenor, Penelope Thwaites, piano. Britten Singers, under Simon Wright
2.00 Private Passions. Michael Berkeley talks to Michael Grade, soon to be leaving his post as the chief executive of Channel 4. His selection includes pieces by Strauss, Wagner, Beethoven, Sibelius, Stephen Sondheim and Billy Strayhorn (r)
3.00 Mining the Archive: Mendelssohn. In two programmes, Gordon Stewart presents recordings of performances given in the 1970s and 1980s. Includes music from the Chilingirian and Lindsay *Quartets*, the pianist John Ogden, the Beaux Arts Trio and songs sung by the soprano April Cantelo
5.00 Music Machine: Music at the Globe. Claire van Kampen talks about the music she has written for *A Winter's Tale*, and how she has tried to capture the spirit of the play. Plus the musicians and actors explain how music works in performance
5.15 In Tune. Presented by Andrew Green. Includes Wagenaar (Overture: The Taming of the Shrew); Kreisler (Praeludium und Allegro), Mendelssohn (Abschiedlied der Zugvögel); C.P.E. Bach (Symphony in B minor, Wq182 No 5)
7.30 Bath International Music Festival. See Choice
9.35 In Translation: Texaco by Patrick Chamoiseau, translated from the French and Creole by Rose-Myriam Rejouis and Val Vinokurow. On the island of Martinique, the daughter of a freed slave recalls how her father came to be born into plantation slavery and how he learned the meaning of the word "emancipate"
10.00 Hear and Now. Robert Ziegler presents a sequence of American pieces. Includes John Adams (Road Movies), Copland (Ukelele Serenade and Nocturne); George Cumb (Four Nocturnes) Then at **10.45** George Crumb talks about his relationship with the American pioneers, followed by his *Ancient Voices of Children*, sung by Veronika Schaff, boy soprano, and Marie-Louise Bourbeau, mezzo
11.30 Composer of the Week: *Dvořák Abroad* (r)
12.30am Jazz à la Lee. Mel Hill discusses the way Peggy Lee broke away from the stereotypical notion of a female singer to collaborate on equal terms with figures as diverse as Duke Ellington and Walt Disney (3/3) (r)
1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW) 6.00 News Briefing **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament
9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island Discs. Sue Lawley talks to the poet Benjamin Zephaniah (r)
9.45 Feedback. See Choice
10.00 News; An Act of Worship (LW)
10.15 On This Day (LW)
10.00 News; (FM) A Dance Called America. The historian James Hunter looks to the future to see if the Celtic culture can survive in the melting-pot of communities of the US and Canada (5/5)
10.30 Woman's Hour, with Maki Nicolson. Includes a report on a night out in Manchester, now considered a 24-hour city
11.30 The Natural History Programme. Presented by Joanna Pinnock
12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer news and current affairs with Mark Whittaker
12.25pm Food Programme. Presented by Derek Cooper **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Classic Serial: The Story of an African Farm. Written by Olive Schreiner and dramatised in two parts by Marion Baraitser. Two orphans are growing up on a Boer farm under the slipshod guardianship of Tant Sannie. Then their world is turned upside down with the arrival of the brutal Bonapart Blenkins (r)
3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift, with Russell Davies and his guests of the day
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Paul Vaughan sees the first retrospective of the abstract artist Ellsworth Kelly and hears Judith Weir's new piano concerto inspired by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
4.45 Short Story: Diminuendo, by Amit Chaudhuri. The first of an occasional series of commisioned stories by Indian writers. The story of a boy who runs away to Calcutta. Read by Art Malik
5.00 PM, with Kevin Boucquet and Nigel Wrench **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 A Man with Latitude. David Neil Lodge continues to negotiate his route through Europe with the help of listeners' recommendations
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week. Chris Serle presents his selection of extracts from BBC radio and television
8.05 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby chairs the topical debate from Swindon in Wiltshire. Included on the panel this week are Helena Kennedy, QC, and the Leader of the House of Commons, Ann Taylor, MP
8.50 Law in Action. Presented by Marcel Berlins
9.15 Letter from America, by Alistair Cooke
9.30 Kaleidoscope Feature: The Bookmaker's Tale and Other Stories. Laura Cunningham investigates the rapidly changing world of books (r)
10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig
10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Sandy Bottom Orchestra, by Garrison Keillor and Jenny Lind Nilsson, read by Barbara Barnes (5/10)
11.00 Week Ending. A satirical look at the week's news with the comedy revue team
11.25 Fourth Column. Presented by *Times* columnist John Diamond
11.45 The Big Umbrella: The Bat. The first of two essays for radio featuring original ideas (r)
12.00 News 12.30 The Late Book: The Information, by Martin Amis. Read by William Nighy (10/15) (r)
12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

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REVIEW

Matthew Bond

If you want to get ahead in the medical profession, go to Cardale. From there it's the fast-track straight to the glittering, if rather chilly prize, of Cambridge. Amanda Burton went first — a couple of hard-working series at The Beeches in *Peak Practice* and whoosh . . . suddenly she's Dr Sam Ryan, the Cambridge pathologist who insists on solving everything herself, in *Silent Witness*.

Last night, it was Simon Shepherd's turn. He had to put in three-and-a-half series in Cardale, but his ticket out arrived in the end. Suddenly he's Dr Sam Bliss, the Cambridge immunologist who insists on solving everything himself in Bliss (ITV). As he attended his first post-mortem, I half wondered whether the two former colleagues might bump into each other . . . Their eyes would meet across the cadaver. "Do you two know each other?" an unsuspecting assistant would ask. "It was a long time ago," a Sam would reply, flashing a wistful look over the top of the green surgical mask: "Drill."

Sadly it was not to be — Ryan must have been off that day, so Bliss (you'd really have to go into research with a surname like that, wouldn't you?) had to solve the mystery of why several students on his anti-malaria research programme had suddenly started speaking Russian and committing suicide. Side-effects? asked his computer software. *Da.*

Like Ryan before him, Cambridge seems to have put Bliss into a permanent bad temper, despite the fact that the scriptwriters have thoughtfully provided him with an attractive office-wife (Sian Webber). The two spent a lot of last night walking around explaining bits of science to each other (as you do with highly qualified colleagues) but failed to conceal the fact that Bliss is not nice. He experiments on animals, believes the ethics committee are a bunch of "scientifically illiterate amateurs" and he got very cross indeed when his new boss cancelled his research programme altogether. How ridiculous — the death toll had only got to three.

Now at this point, things were shaping up quite nicely. There were echoes of *Dangerfield* in Bliss's domestic arrangements (widower, two teenage children) and echoes of *Flatliners* in whatever it was this conspiracy of young medical students were up to. It was when we discovered what they were up to that this skilful construction started to fall apart.

"What's going on?" shrieked Dr Kilpatrick (Webber), who may be highly qualified, but as a woman is allowed to ask that sort of question when confronted with a callow youth with electrodes plastered to his head. "Some sort of memory transfer," replied Bliss, who being a man and the star, is expected to get that sort of thing right first time. Beep, beep went my implausibility alarm.

It may be that as the series goes on we will become accustomed to these sudden departures into the scientific left field. But until we do, I'm afraid it's a case of suppressing the giggles. Memory transfer it was, with Professor Fiedler's students kicking off with Russian (plus a few suicidal tendencies that got transferred accidentally), but quickly moving on to bigger things, such as the entire contents of Fiedler's brain. "Do you know how often a mind like mine comes along?" asked the brilliant, but terminally-ill Fiedler, a line which should surely win Lorcan Cranitch a Bafta for best-kept straight face. Ah, but did he know how often a series like *Bliss* comes along? Tell me that.

There was more Russian in **Airport** (BBC1) and thank heaven for it. Until Jeremy proved that he wasn't check-in supervisor for Aeroflot for nothing, the series had been even duller than I remembered. What passed as high drama at Heathrow was whether the Latvian flag would be hoisted over the royal suite in time for the arrival of the Latvian President, and whether Michelle and her walkie-talkie could find the owner of the car in the Terminal 3 car park that had burst into flames. It was and she did: panics over. But, alas, not the programme.

There was still Jeremy and the aircrew trying to check in about half a tonne of excess baggage. "In Russia there's an underlying system of barter, negotiation and friendly smiles," explained our man, flashing a friendly smile to prove it. Unforgivably, considering the time this tedious tale had taken up, we never did discover whether the aircrew paid the £20-a-kilo going rate. But given that at least one model plane and several friendly smiles had been exchanged, I presume not. "After all that, the flight to Moscow took off only eight minutes late," explained John Nettles, sounding every bit as bored as I felt. Only another *nine* to go — can't wait.

No more episodes of **999** (BBC1), which is both sad and yet something of a relief. Last night they signed off for the time being with three more terrifying re-creations, the morals of which can be quickly summarised: never go for a walk on the sands at Morecambe Bay, always keep a fire extinguisher in your car and do, please, try not to fall off Cheddar Gorge. Even half-way down is an awfully long way.

The chap stuck up to his chest in Morecambe Bay quicksand ("nature's concrete", as Michael Buerk picturesquely put it) was widely reported at the time, which perhaps explains why the director felt he could add one or two extra artistic flourishes of his own to the re-creation.

Our trapped man shook his fists at the gathering sky (not to mention the gathering tide) and while he imagined the worst, we actually saw it. Slowly, the waves lapped over his head . . . *999* goes Gothic: whatever next?

6.00am Business Breakfast (71767)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (76145)
9.00 Breakfast News Extra (5793232)
9.20 Cheggers' Challenge (3612416)
9.45 Kilroy (T) (9166503)
10.30 Ready, Steady, Cook (28435)
11.00 News (T) Regional News and weather (2154665)
11.05 Real Rooms Transforming a Scottish woman's dining room (7061665)
11.30 The Great Escape (3868)
12.00 News (T) Regional News and weather (1787690)
12.05pm Call My Bluff (5823394)
12.35 Neighbours (T) (4687110)
1.00 News (T) and weather (79232)
1.30 Regional News (15741481)
1.40 The Weather Show (36946400)
1.45 Quincy (3752145)
2.30 Columbo: Publish or Perish (1974) with Peter Falk. A ruthless publisher hires a hit man to kill an author who has threatened to sign for a rival company (9412400) FILM
3.45 Time Off with Gloria Gloria Hunniford catches up with singer Lorna Luft, daughter of screen legend Judy Garland, as she works out in a top London gymnasium (3740329)
4.00 Popeye (6535923) **4.10** Ace Ventura: Pet Detective (9906226) **4.35** Clarissa Explains It All (6045690) **5.00** Newsround (T) (8767503) **5.10** Blue Peter (T) (7424706)
5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (413771)
6.00 News (T) and weather (110)
6.30 Regional News (690)
7.00 Weekend Watchdog Johnathan Maitland reports from London's West End, finding out how theatregoers can avoid paying through the nose when booking tickets. Last in series (5868)
7.30 Top of the Pops (T) (874)
8.00 X Cars Cameras follow undercover cops Phil Seeley and Steve Lewis as they stake out a car park (r) (T) (7416)
8.30 Auntie's Sporting Bloomers Terry Wogan introduces clips of mishaps and mistakes in the world of sport (T) (3023)
9.00 News (T) and weather (8503)
9.30 Drovers' Gold Aaron and Elizabeth uncover shocking family secrets, while tensions mount among the men when the herd becomes diseased (T) (3/5) (386313)
10.25 Alive (1992) Harrowing true-life drama, with Ethan Hawke and Vincent Spano. A plane carrying a college rugby team smashes into a mountain in the Andes, forcing the survivors to resort to cannibalism to stay alive. Directed by Frank Marshall (819042) **WALES: 10.25** The Gert Escape (503955) **10.55** FILM. Alive (19309042) **12.55** FILM: True Colours (619882) **2.45** News headlines and weather (3845658) FILM
12.25am True Colours (1991) with John Cusack. A principled lawyer witnesses the fall from grace of his former college roommate who has resorted to dirty tricks in an effort to further his political career. Directed by Herbert Ross (679004) FILM
2.15 Weather (2020356)

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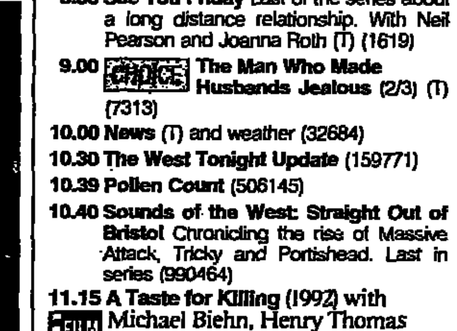
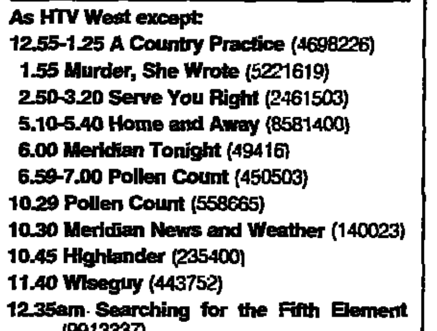
6.00am Open University: Family Centre (3218042) **6.25** Relationships (9460961)
7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (T) (1010787)
7.30 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (r) (T) (6855481) **7.55** 50/50 (r) (T) (2047042) **8.20** Fireman Sam (r) (4819049) **8.35** The Record (2777058)
9.00 The French Experience (5604394) **9.15** The French Collection (384139) **9.45** Watch (4102110)
10.00 Teletubbies (r) (65597) **10.30** Watch Out (4159329) **10.45** Pathways of Belief: Judaism — The Family (4074684) **11.00** Look and Read Special (5385874) **11.20** Job Bank (2156023) **11.30** The Geography Programme (4110)
12.00 CHOICE **English File: Poetry Backpack** The poetry of Grace Nichols (17329)
12.30pm Working Lunch (64771) **1.00** Daytime on Two: Job Bank (10383023) **1.10** Job Bank (45531400) **1.20** Lifeschool (90898400) **1.45** Words and Pictures (15831058) **2.00** Fireman Sam (r) (83538110)
2.10 International Tennis Sue Barker introduces extensive coverage of the quarter-finals of the Stella Artois Championships (98522597)
6.00 The Simpsons Marge wins a commission from Mr Burns. Featuring the voice of Ringo Starr (T) (697787)
6.20 Star Trek The *Enterprise* is overrun by small furry creatures (r) (T) (269684)
7.10 Great Railway Journeys Black American scholar Henry Louis Gates Jr returns to his African roots, travelling by rail from Zimbabwe to Tanzania. Last in series (r) (T) (376348)
8.00 CHOICE **Visions of Snowdonia** A painter and poet's view (T) (5058)
8.30 CHOICE **Gardeners' World** from the National Flower and Garden Show (T) (1665)
9.00 The Fast Show Paul Whitehouse's comedy sketch show with Caroline Aherne, Charlie Higson and Simon Day (r) (T) (6145)



Alexei makes his choice (9.30pm)

9.30 Alexei Sayle's Comedy Hour The comedian presents his pick of the BBC archives. Includes an episode of *The Young Ones* (67936)
10.30 Newsnight (T) (751023)
11.15 The A Force New series featuring the best in black entertainment (174874)
12.45am Torment (1944, b/w) With Mai Zetterling and Stig Jarrel. Drama about the unlikely romance between a repressed student and a prostitute. Directed by Alf Sjoberg from Ingmar Bergman's first script. In Swedish with English subtitles (987795) FILM
2.25-2.30 Weather (2042578)

6.00am GMTV (9572619)
9.25 Supermarket Sweep (r) (T) (3620435)
9.55 Regional News (T) (4241868)
10.00 The Time, the Place (52023)
10.30 This Morning (T) (65768348)
12.20pm Regional News (T) (1783874)
12.30 News (T) and weather (4786435)
12.55 Designed by Emanuel (T) (4698226) **1.25** Home and Away (T) (90891597) **1.50** Murder, She Wrote (r) (5133400) **2.50** Garden Calendar (2461503)
3.20 News (T) (3939232)
3.25 Regional News (T) (3938503)
3.30 Rosie and Jim (r) (3749690) **3.40** Slim Pig (8522771) **3.50** Cartoon Time (3750706) **4.05** The Treacle People (9680892) **4.15** Hey Arnold (T) (9990665) **4.40** Get Wet (T) (6208400)
5.10 A Country Practice (8581400)
5.37 Pollen Count (247706)
5.40 News (T) and weather (769077)
6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (503874)
6.25 HTV Weather (316955)
6.30 The West Tonight (T) (918)
7.00 Lucky Numbers (T) (6856)
7.30 Coronation Street Rita's lifeline to the Duckworth's is severed by Alec (T) (482)
8.00 The Bill Lines goes undercover to convict a notorious car thief (T) (9684)



Roth and Pearson (8.30pm)

8.30 See You Friday Last of the series about a long distance relationship. With Neil Pearson and Joanna Roth (T) (1619)
9.00 CHOICE **The Man Who Made Husbands Jealous** (2/3) (T) (7313)
10.00 News (T) and weather (32684)
10.30 The West Tonight Update (159771)
10.39 Pollen Count (506145)
10.40 Sounds of the West: Straight Out of Bristol Chronicling the rise of Massive Attack, Tricky and Portishead. Last in series (990464)
11.15 A Taste for Killing (1992) with Michael Biehn, Henry Thomas and Jason Bateman. Two graduates are implicated in murder while working on an oil rig during the summer. Directed by Lou Antonio (228936) FILM
1.00am Strangers (1991) with James Healey, Anne Looby and Melissa Docker. A handsome, successful businessman embarks on an affair with a woman who gradually begins to exhibit psychotic tendencies. Directed by Craig Lahiff (915004) FILM
2.40 Club Nation (T) (6262172) **3.40** Bonkers (T) (9468820) **4.35** Collins and Maconie's Movie Club (r) (81988240) **5.00** Coronation Street (r) (T) (84646) **5.30** News (37153)

As HTV West except:
12.55pm-1.25 A Country Practice (4698226)
2.50-3.20 Secrets from the Secret Garden (2461503)
5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (8581400)
6.25-7.00 Central News (798771)
10.40 Film: Who's Harry Crumb? (74474771)
12.20am The Making of Liar Liar (8871375)
12.50 Film: Deadly Encounter (995714)
2.35 Cyber Cafe (2036917)
3.05 Bonkers (1687337)
4.00 Helter Skelter (7951882)
4.50 Central Jobfinder '97 (81990085)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:
12.20pm-12.30 Illuminations (1783874)
12.55 Home and Away (4698226)
1.25 Robinson Country (23159481)
1.55 Gardeners' Diary (17807597)
2.20-3.20 Blue Heelers (5348348)
5.10-5.40 Home and Away (8581400)
6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (49416)
10.30 Westcountry News (140023)
10.45 Film: AWOL (44805329)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except:
12.55-1.25 A Country Practice (4698226)
1.55 Murder, She Wrote (5221619)
2.50-3.20 Serve You Right (2461503)
5.10-5.40 Home and Away (8581400)
6.00 Meridian Tonight (49416)
6.59-7.00 Pollen Count (450503)
10.29 Pollen Count (558665)
10.30 Meridian News and Weather (140023)
10.45 Highlander (235400)
11.40 Wiseguy (443752)
12.35am Searching for the Fifth Element (9913337)

ANGLIA

As HTV West except:
12.19pm Anglia Air Watch (1699481)
12.55-1.25 A Country Practice (4698226)
1.55 Murder, She Wrote (5221619)
2.50-3.20 Yan Can Cook (2461503)
5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (8581400)
6.23 Anglia Weather (317684)
6.25-7.00 Anglia News (798771)
10.29 Anglia Air Watch (558665)
10.40 Film: Midnight Express (19617961)

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Starts: 6.00am Sesame Street (91597) **7.00 The Big Breakfast** (96955) **9.00 Bewitched** (15961) **9.30 Ysgolion** (182771) **12.00 Animal Passions** (39597) **12.30pm Ricki Lake** (66139) **1.00 Slot Meithrin** (10392771) **1.15 Slot Syniadau Sali** (10397226) **1.30 Film: The Golden Salamander** (45543961) **3.15 Cat and Mouse** (1086481) **3.30 Moving People** (936) **4.00 Fifteen-to-One** (771) **4.30 Health Alert** (955) **5.00 5 Pump** (1042) **5.30 Countdown** (435) **6.00 Newyddion 6** (127503) **6.05 Heno** (418752) **6.35 Sion a Sian** (496145) **7.00 Pobol y Cwm** (617961) **7.25 Dyrnau'r Celtiaid** (893110) **8.00 Sian James** (7226) **8.30 Newyddion** (2961) **9.00 Foreign Legion** (5955) **10.00 Brookside** (30226) **10.30 Harry Hill** (190482) **11.05 Eurotrash** (513955) **11.35 TFI Friday** (264787) **12.35am Robin** (1780795) **12.40 Film: Frankenstein Created Woman** (906820) **2.20 The Sandman** (2384269) **2.35 Film: The Plague of the Zombies** (192172) **4.15 Film: Dick Tracy vs Cueball** (1101917)

6.00am Sesame Street (r) (91597) **7.00** The Big Breakfast (96955) **9.00** Bewitched (r) (T) (15961)
9.30 Schools: Eureka! (4109023) **9.45** Stop, Look, Listen (4200706) **10.00** Fourways Farm (2584139) **10.10** Scotscapes (2747477) **10.25** Technology Programme (6246482) **10.40** Off Limits (7069042) **11.05** The Score (1229619) **11.20** Stage One (1137684) **11.35** Schools at Work (5839955) **11.40** GNVQ: Is It For You? (4319955)
12.00 Australia Wild (r) (T) (39597)
12.30pm Light Lunch (5480348)

Wilding and Neagle (1.50pm)

1.50 Spring In Park Lane (1948, b/w) with Anna Neagle and Michael Wilding. A romantic comedy about an heiress who falls for her uncle's footman, who is not what it seems. Directed by Herbert Wilcox (T) (49974752) FILM
3.30 Moving People (r) (T) (936) **4.00** Fifteen-to-One (T) (771) **4.30** Countdown (T) (6046329) **4.55** Ricki Lake (T) (5158597)
5.30 289 Dalmatians A behind the scenes of the making of Disney's live action film. The British Dalmatian Club and breeders give their views on the studio's decision to use live puppies (T) (435)
6.00 TFI Friday The guests include Howard Stern and Sophie Anderton (47058)
7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (365232)
7.50 Sonnets in the City Nabil Shaban reads Shakespeare (T) (210752)
8.00 Garden Party The experts visit a Suffolk farm garden (T) (7226)
8.30 Brookside (T) (2961)
9.00 Cybill An actress for whom Cybill is understudy suddenly becomes allergic to Cybill's home-made muffins (T) (8313)
9.30 Spin City Michael comes to the mayor's rescue once again. With Michael J Fox and Barry Bostwick (T) (42503)
10.00 Frasier The radio shrink is forced to come to terms with his own mortality (r) (T) (30226)
10.30 Harry Hill Sketches and stand up comedy (3/8) (T) (190482)
11.05 Eurotrash More bad taste European entertainment (513955)
11.35 TFI Friday (r) (264787)
12.35am Robin Adult animation (1780795)
12.40 Frankenstein Created Woman (1966) A Hammer horror with Peter Cushing. Directed by Terence Fisher (T) (906820) FILM
2.20 The Sandman Puppet animation (2384269)
2.35 The Plague of the Zombies (1965) with André Morell as a professor fighting the undead in a 19th-century Cornish village. Directed by John Gilling (192172) FILM
4.15-5.45 Dick Tracy vs Cueball (1946, b/w) with Morgan Conway. The comic-strip detective season continues. Directed by Gordon Douglas (511714) FILM

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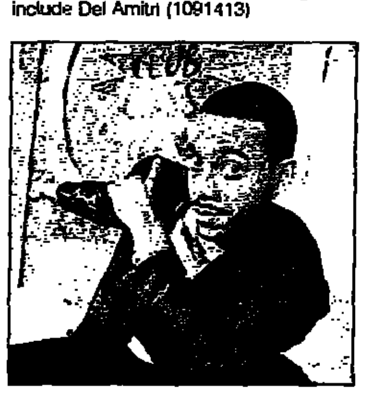
6.00am 5 News Early (8305477)
7.30 Havakazoo (3349955) **8.00** Adventures of the Bush Patrol (8558955) **8.30** WideWorld (8557226)
9.00 Espresso (6298482) **10.00** Exclusive (r) (1444023) **10.30** Nancy Lam (r) (8633690) **11.00** Leeza (1854058) **11.50** Double Espresso (88446085) **12.00** The Bold and the Beautiful (T) (8551042) **12.30pm** Family Affairs (r) (T) (8563923)
1.00 5 News (52882961) **1.05** Sunset Beach (T) (9625597) **2.00** 5's Company (8272597)
3.30 Godspell (1973) with Victor Garber and David Haskell. Musical, based on the gospel of St Matthew, that depicts Jesus as a product of the hippy generation. Directed by David Greene (8019329) FILM
5.25 5's Company — Late Extra (99825329)
5.30 100 Per Cent (7116077)
6.00 Whittle (T) (7106690)
6.30 Family Affairs (T) (7024042)
7.00 Exclusive (6260077)
7.30 Wildlife SOS A grass snake is brought into the centre. A couple are concerned when a fox enters their garden and a young deer found by the side of the road is kept in for observation (T) (7020226)
8.00 Attractions Tim Vincent is in the London Borough of Greenwich, where he visits the Queen's House, and the Royal Greenwich Observatory. Plus: Annabel Croft at the London Planetarium and Patrick Moore at Wooky Hole in Somerset (6173597)
8.30 5 News (T) (6258232)
9.00 French Silk (1993) with Susan Lucci, Lee Horsley and Shari Belafonte. Police thriller about a murder in the glamourous world of modelling (99438503) FILM
10.50 The Jack Docherty Show The guests include Del Amitri (1091413)



Richard Blackwood hosts (11.35pm)

11.35 Club Class Richard Blackwood introduces the cream of comedy talent from the stand-up circuit (1902023)
12.10am Paris, France (1993) Erotic black comedy with Lesley Hope, Dan Lett and Victoria Ertmanis. Directed by Gerard Cicconi (95818424) FILM
2.15 Chase a Crooked Shadow (1957, b/w) Thriller with Richard Todd, directed by Michael Anderson (2804172) FILM
3.55 Night Stand (9754269)
4.40 Prisoner Cell Block H (3337004)
5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (5743397)

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SKY 1

6.00am Morning Glory (572665) **9.00** Regis and Kathie Lee (41058) **10.00** Another World (37226) **11.00** Days of Our Lives (13690) **12.00** The Oprah Winfrey Show (90110) **1.00pm** Geraldo (89058) **2.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (86058) **3.00** Jenny Jones (33874) **4.00** The Oprah Winfrey Show (91329) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (5023) **6.00** Real TV (1503) **6.30** Married — with Children (9955) **7.00** The Simpsons (6752) **7.30** M*A*S*H (5139) **8.00** JAG (31481) **9.00** Walker, Texas Ranger (24145) **10.00** High Incident (27232) **11.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (38955) **12.00** The Lucy Show (72240) **12.30am** L.A.P.D. (66191) **1.00** Hit Mix (1486337)

SKY 2

7.00pm Superboy (4983787) **7.30** Superboy (8480787) **8.00** Hercules: The Legendary Journeys (6070481) **9.00** Pacific Drive (6183145) **10.00** Tales from the Crypt (9089684) **10.30** Tales from the Crypt (9171232) **11.00** Late Show with Letterman (7408058) **12.00** Hit Mix (2574714)

SKY NEWS

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SKY MOVIES

6.00am The Thief Who Came to Dinner (1973) (65874) **8.00 Martha and Ethel** (1995) (84481) **9.30 Letters from the East** (1995) (51110) **11.30 The 300 Spartans** (1962) (63313) **1.30pm Frisco Kid** (1979) (78874) **3.30 Prince for a Day** (1995) (67023) **5.30 Magic Island** (1995) (68706) **7.00 Only You** (1994) (34139) **9.00 To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything, Julie Newmar** (1995) (36936) **11.00 Robin Cook's Mortal Fear** (1994) (30961) **12.30am Fight for Justice: The Nancy Conn Story** (1995) (22578) **2.00 Bad Medicine** (1985) (856733) **3.35 Jason's Lyric** (1993) (43257004)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am On the Riviera (1951) (63416) **8.00 The Amazing Panda Adventure** (1995) (82023) **9.30 The Girl in the News** (1940) (1784042) **10.50 I Walked with a Zombie** (1943) (1311706) **12.00 Holiday on the Buses** (1973) (81503) **2.00pm King Richard and the Crusaders** (1954) (43226) **4.00 The Amazing Panda Adventure** (1995) (8597) **6.00 The Rockford Files: Friends and Foul Play** (1996) (59077) **7.30 UK Top 10** (4077) **8.00 A Walk in the Clouds** (1995) (31435) **10.00 Friday the 13th** (1980) (138477) **11.40 Little Odessa** (1994) (195394) **1.20am Nell** (1994) (278085) **3.15 Second Best** (1994) (790998) **5.00 Off on a Comet** (50849)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm Union Station (1950) (9889023) **8.00 Memphis Belle** (1990) (9891868) **10.00 Rocky IV** (1985) (5619394) **11.35 Friday the 13th Part VI: Jason Lives** (1986) (3376787) **1.10am David and Bathsheba** (1951) (2634443) **3.05-4.50 Memphis Belle** (1990) (2541288)

TNT

8.00pm WCW Nitro (39250597) **9.00 Brass Target** (1978) (39253684) **11.00 A Night at the Opera** (1935) (42728110) **12.45am The Body Stealers** (1969) (41191172) **2.30-5.00 Brass Target** (1978) (65768172)

SKY SPORTS 1

7.00am Sports Centre (67481) **7.30** Trans World Sport (62810) **8.30** Racing News (70481) **9.00** Sports Centre (67961) **9.30** Aerobics Oz Style (14313) **10.00** Tight Lines (75400) **11.00** Trans World Sport (62936) **12.00** Aerobics Oz Style (81597) **12.30pm** Spanish Football (56868) **2.00** World Sport Special (9510) **2.30** Gaelic Games (61077) **3.30** Powerboat and Jetski World (3503) **4.00** NHL (71771) **5.30** World Sport Special (2874) **6.00** Sports Centre (9787) **6.30** Extreme (7139) **7.00** Live Super League: World Club Championship (992110) **9.30** Sports Centre (70315) **10.00** Wrestling: Raw (53139) **12.00** End Zone: WLAF Review (59998) **1.00am** Extreme (44153) **1.30** World Sport Special (83580) **2.00** NBA Basketball (94207) **4.00-6.00** Wrestling: Raw (25191)

SKY SPORTS 2

8.00pm The Winning Post: Live Horse Racing (8659226) **9.30** Football: Tournoi de France (7533936) **11.30** Grand Prix Sailing (8973684) **12.00** US Seniors Golf (1652085) **12.30am-1.00** Sports Centre (8639462)

SKY SPORTS 3

12.00 US Golf: US Open (48379805) **3.00pm** Grand Prix Sailing (12648941) **4.00** World Sport Special (41394503) **4.00-12.00** Live US Golf: US Open (31413874)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Equestrianism (13526) **8.30** Sailing (78077) **9.00** Motors (36941) **10.30** Modern Pentathlon (85313) **11.30** Monster Truck (41348) **12.00** International Motorsports (85232) **1.00pm** Triathlon (20892) **2.00** Live Tennis (2965526) **7.00** Car Racing (88313) **8.00** NASCAR (60961) **9.00** Tennis (58684) **10.30** Tennis (86042) **11.00** Car Racing (78597) **12.00** Drag Racing (12882)

UK GOLD

7.00am Tellystack (4986145) **7.35** Neighbours (5873874) **8.00** Crossroads (7060706) **8.25** EastEnders (2207042) **9.00** The Bill (5012435) **9.30** You're Only Young Twice (5412684) **10.00** Duty Free (2093400) **10.30** The Sullivans (5018619) **11.00** Casualty (83400077) **12.05pm** Crossroads (88916787) **12.30** Neighbours (5416400) **1.00** EastEnders (3837058) **1.35** The Two Ronnies (5523481) **2.30** Executive Stress (2185348) **3.00** Goldmaster (9459619) **3.30** The Bill (2084665) **4.00** Boon (7474685) **5.00** Generation Game (81819145) **6.05** EastEnders (9301445) **6.40** Sykes (2578923) **7.20** Dr Who (3103394) **7.50** Only When I Laugh (5108042) **8.20** Hi-De-Hi (8597989) **9.00** The Bill (7576077) **9.30** Taggart (40836329) **11.35** FILM: The Stud (8824042) **1.15am** Shoestring (8639085) **2.15** Shopping (44372820)

GRANADA PLUS

6.00am The Box (7564481) **7.00** Coronation St (4085435) **7.30** Families (4991042) **8.00** Surprise, Surprise (3826752) **9.00** The Professionals (6827706) **10.00** The Gentle Touch (4997226) **11.00** London's Burning (4073690) **12.00** Coronation St (8105400) **12.30pm** Families (6370787) **1.00** Second Thoughts (4084706) **1.30** The Good Life Guide (6379058) **2.00** Surprise Surprise (6747955) **3.00** The Gentle Touch (7551684) **4.00** The Professionals (7843619) **5.00** London's Burning (2439684) **6.00** Families (8534435) **6.30** Coronation St (8525787) **7.00** The Gentle Touch (2893023) **8.00** The Professionals (2802771) **9.00** Coronation St (7832503) **9.30** The Wheeltappers and Shunters Social Club (6287023) **10.00-11.00** London's Burning (2682394)

The Marx Brothers in *A Night at the Opera* (TNT, 11.00pm)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

6.00am Mouse Tracks (9999058) **6.25** Quack Attack (9805665) **6.50** Bonkers (4993961) **7.15** The Little Mermaid (8215874) **7.40** Aladdin (9018232) **8.05** Quack Pack (3567619) **8.30** Goof Troop (49431) **9.00** The Care Bears (3220752) **9.25** Under the Umbrella Tree (3312787) **9.50** Muppet Babies (6142139) **10.15** Grounding Marsh (1148077) **10.40** Sing Me a Story with Belle (8719435) **11.05** Paddington Paws (9611329) **11.10** Big Garage (8175023) **11.25** Welcome to Pooh Corner (2044416) **11.55** Fraggle Rock (1519685) **12.20pm** Mouse Tracks (3813394) **12.45** Timon and Pumbaa (98415139) **1.00** Boy Meets World (82996348) **1.25** Bonkers (96423503) **1.50** Quack Pack (52107752) **2.15** Aladdin (89429023) **2.40** The Care Bears (8333868) **3.00** The Little Mermaid (6623481) **3.25** Timon and Pumbaa (5544428) **3.40** Goof Troop (2750023) **4.30** Everyday's a Chooseday (5315) **5.00** Aladdin (7210868) **5.25** Timon and Pumbaa (9143597) **5.35** Mighty Ducks (487961) **6.00** Gargoyles (4058) **6.30** The Wonder Years (5110) **7.00** The Wayne Manifesto (3526) **7.30** FILM: **White Fang II: The Myths of the Wild** (33654503) **9.15-10.00** Flipper (150348)

FOX KIDS NETWORK

6.00am Three Little Ghosts (2726348) **6.30** Inspector Gadget (5114787) **7.00** Samurai Pizza Cats (7319110) **7.30** Power Rangers Zeo (7401145) **8.00** Beetleborgs (9095868) **8.30** Crocadoo (9094139) **9.00** Rimbaus Island (5126058) **9.20** The Magic Box (5591690) **9.45** Dudley the Dragon (9864139) **10.05** Rimbaus Island (1547961) **10.25** The Magic Box (9325787) **11.00** Jin Jin and the Panda Patrol (9216771) **11.30** Pinocchio (9217400) **12.00** Inspector Gadget (9098955) **12.30pm** VR Troopers (77508058) **12.50** Power Rangers Zeo (77415394) **1.10** Beetleborgs (25047868) **1.30** Eek! Stravaganza (1154844) **2.00** Life with Louie (4809771) **2.30** Crocadoo (8396394) **3.00** Gadget Boy (4991706) **3.30** Eek! Stravaganza (8306139) **4.00** Life with Louie (8483874) **4.30** Power Rangers Zeo (8489058) **5.00** Beetleborgs (4890023) **5.30** Spiderman (8390110) **6.00** X Men (8397023) **6.30-7.00** Goosebumps (8484503)

TCC

6.00am Iznogoud (43400) **6.30** Dangermouse (44619) **7.00** Dennis the Menace (75077) **7.30** The Tick (81684) **8.00** Batman (17936) **8.30** Art Attack (12435) **9.00** Art Attack (49477) **9.30** Earthworm Jim (49077) **10.00** Gravedale High (55771) **10.30** Flash Gordon (29771) **11.00** Creepy Crawlers (95139) **11.30** Cadillacs and Dinosaurs (96868) **12.00** Gravedale High (10023) **12.30pm** Stunt Dawgs (47665) **1.00** Batman (74348) **1.30** Dangermouse (46936) **2.00** Creepy Crawlers (6936) **2.30** Flash Gordon (9503) **3.00** Sonic the Hedgehog (8771) **3.30** Earthworm Jim (1348) **4.00** The Tick (7955) **4.30-5.00** Art Attack (3139)

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12.00 Heartbreak High (5593503) **1.00pm** Madison (3346503) **1.30** Sweet Valley High (5417139) **2.00** Hangtime (9352752) **2.30** California Dreams (2170416) **3.00** Byker Grove (9444787) **3.30** No Naked Flames (2175961) **4.00** Sweet Valley High (2098868) **4.30** Hangtime (2087752) **5.00** Saved by the Bell (9449232) **5.30** California Dreams (2174232) **6.00** Byker Grove (2171145) **6.30** Madison (2099597) **7.00-8.00** Heartbreak High (6543961)

BRAVO

8.00pm Screeners (9445416) **8.30** Twisted (9351023) **9.00** The Burning Zone (6549145) **10.00** Tour of Duty (6542232) **11.00** FILM: **Cruel Passion** (2350508) **1.00am** The Burning Zone (8775576) **2.00** Tour of Duty (4755288) **3.00** FILM: **Cruel Passion** (2708269) **5.00** Starsky and Hutch (1053066)

PARAMOUNT COMEDY

7.00pm Roseanne (9868) **7.30** Roseanne (4665) **8.00** E UK (1416) **8.30** Almost Perfect (7023) **9.00** Cheers (33329) **9.30** Cybill (21085) **10.00** Frasier (80868) **10.30** Monty Python's Flying Circus (62416) **11.00** Collins and Maconie's Movie Club (869771) **11.25** Robin (752042) **11.30** This Is Spinal Tap (35110) **1.00am** Cheers (42795) **1.30** Cybill (81172) **2.00** E UK (10269) **2.30** Collins and Maconie's Movie Club (22004) **3.00** Frasier (62559) **3.30-4.00** Almost Perfect (13356)

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1.00am The Twilight Zone (3380849) **1.30** One Step Beyond (2173424) **2.00** Friday the 13th (8474820) **3.00-4.00** Dark Shadows (2597288)

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9.00am The Joy of Painting (5010077) **9.30** Gardeners' Diary (5410226) **10.00** Hooked on Fishing (2091042) **10.30** Room Service (5009961) **11.00** Painted House (7481955) **11.30** This Old House (7482684) **12.00** Just for Starters (5927313) **12.30pm** Julia Child (5414042) **1.00** Graham Kerr (3359077) **1.30** Home Again (5413313) **2.00** Hometime (9365226) **2.30** Furniture on the Mend (2176690) **3.00** Our House (8440961) **3.30-4.00** This Old House (2188435)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm High Five (2094042) **4.30** Roadshow (2090226) **5.00** Time Travellers (9452706) **5.30** Justice Files (2187706) **6.00** Wild Things: Leopard: Prince of Predators (5595961) **7.00** Beyond 2000 (9369042) **7.30** Disaster (2091955) **8.00** Jurassica (6469955) **9.00** Justice Files (7574619) **9.30** Ashes to Ashes (5507706) **10.00** Justice Files (6555706) **11.00** Classic Wheels (3263226) **12.00** First Flights (4970612) **12.30am** Wars in Peace (7238849) **1.00** Disaster (2498646) **1.30-2.00** Beyond 2000 (9509630)

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00pm The Red Empire (7269077) **5.00** Memories of 1979 (1342771) **6.00** Ancient Mysteries (3735145) **7.00-8.00** Biography: Butch and Sundance (8293435)

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5.05pm Cross Wits (3104348) **5.50** Family Fortunes (399752) **6.30** Catchphrase (385690) **7.05** Winner Takes All (356868) **7.40** Give Us A Clue (150771) **8.20** All Clued Up (292481) **9.00** Through the Keyhole (540226) **9.35** Sale of the Century (435955) **10.05** Treasure Hunt (4750690) **11.20** Studs (581961) **12.00** Winner Takes All (63530) **12.30am** Hart to Hart (32917) **1.30** Moonlighting (31608) **2.30** African Skies (96424) **3.30** My Two Dads (51530) **4.00** The Fall Guy (72443) **5.00** Shopping (93191)

UK LIVING

6.00am Tiny Living (25007313) **9.05** Gladrags and Glamour (1911503) **9.15** Gordon Elliott (9459874) **10.05** Jerry Springer (4279706) **10.55** Shopping Emporium (41168955) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (9174226) **11.50** The New Mr and Mrs Show (5787690) **12.25pm** Why Me? Real Life Case Studies (35701955) **12.55** Tempest (7632139) **1.40** Rolonda (2018313) **2.30** The Agony Experience (5004955) **3.00** Live at Three (67595868) **4.05** Jerry Springer (9719706) **5.05** Lingo (52617684) **5.30** Lucky Ladders (5008771) **6.00** I Dream of Jeannie (9580936) **6.35** The Heat Is On (4506771) **7.05** Hearts Afire (4510145) **7.35** Delia Smith's Summer Collection (2539961) **8.05** Rolonda (4358232) **9.00** FILM: **Connections** (46802067) **10.55** Shopping Emporium (5640023) **11.00-12.00** Sex Life Down Under (5546232)

ZEE TV

7.00am Jaagran **7.30** ZEE Presents **8.00** Raahat **8.25** Ek Nazar **8.30** Positive Health Show **9.00** Punjabi Folk **9.30** Yaadon Ke Rang **10.00** Chalo Cinema **10.30** Tumhare Sahare **11.00** Zaike Ka Safar **11.30** Hasratan **12.00** Andaz **12.30pm** Raahat **1.00** Bengali Movie **4.00** ZEE Zone Presents **4.05** Kamal Kombination **4.35** Saanp Seedi **5.00** Zone Time **5.25** Young Buzz **6.00** Beeti Ke Pg **6.25** Ek Nazar **6.30** ZEE and You **7.00** Shoe Chale Chhe? **7.30** Mast Mast Hai Zindagi **8.00** News and Euronews **8.35** Parampara **9.05-12.00** Hit Star Movie Season: Shammi Kapoor

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European No 1 fires course record to set pace in first round of US Open

Great Scot gives it the full monty

From John Hopkins, golf correspondent, in Bethesda, Maryland

COLIN MONTGOMERIE played one of the great rounds in the history of the US Open yesterday. On the longest, perhaps the most feared of all the courses used for this distinguished championship, Montgomerie was almost flawless in his opening round of 65, a course record.

He made one mistake on his outward half and another when approaching the 17th green. Almost every other one of his strokes from tee to green seemed to be struck from the middle of the club with a simplicity and unerring accuracy that defied belief.

Patience has not always been a club in Montgomerie's bag and at times the lack of it has cost him dear. In the sultry stillness that hung over northwest Washington, Montgomerie was as patient as a saint. His concentration never wavered, nor did his swing as he achieved his lowest opening round in the six US Opens in which he has competed.

For some time after he had finished, his 65 led the field by five strokes. Hale Irwin, Chris Perry and Mike Brisky were tied with 70s. Mark Brooks, the US PGA champion had a 71 as did Nick Price.

Some scores are the lowest possible because they include a degree of luck. Montgomerie's 65, five-under-par for this 7213-yard course, was anything but. With any luck, his score could have been two or three strokes better. Again and again his approach shots to the green landed close enough for him to entertain ideas of making another birdie. As it was he squeezed only two from the front nine and four from the back nine — and getting those from as long and difficult a course as this was as easy as stealing gold bars from the Bank of England.

"I'm delighted with a 65," Montgomerie said. "I might need that score as the week progresses. It's nice to come to my favourite event and play so well. My distance control today was as good as it has ever been. If I wanted to hit it 155 yards, then I did so."

It was not supposed to be possible to play as well as Montgomerie did for all 18 holes. One hole, be it the monstrous 6th, a 475-yard par four, or the gigantic 9th, at 607 yards the longest hole in US Open history, is bound to get you. If it was not the difficulty of the hole then it was the severity of a green.

Nick Faldo took three putts from 20 feet on the 4th and many of the greens sloped so severely that breaks of six or eight feet were commonplace on putts. Ian Woosnam, who shot 76, said: "The course was too tough for me and the rough was too long."

Andrew Coltart made the dream start, scoring birdies at the first two holes, but then dropped four strokes on two holes. Paul McGinley led briefly, when he was three under par after five holes, only to come home in 40. Billy Andrade had five successive bogeys. Jack Nicklaus squandered three strokes on the 10th and 11th, while Greg Norman had an extraordinary run — his scores alternated between par, bogey, par, bogey for 11 holes and he finished with a disappointing 75, five over par. Even Tiger Woods had an erratic start with only one par in his first five holes.

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But Montgomerie was metronomic and relentless, as he has been on occasions these past months, notably at the Anderson Consulting championship last month and at Slaley Hall last week, when he dropped only two strokes to par in four rounds. On fairways that are no more than 35 yards wide in places, he was invariably in precisely the correct position from the tee. He missed only one fairway all day, that of the 6th, and then made handsome amends by hitting a glorious eight-iron from nearly 160 yards to within six feet.

It was the high quality of his golf from the 7th to the 18th that made his score. Upto that point, he had played so well that he had given himself legitimate birdie chances on his first three holes and not been able to take any of them. On the 7th, his tee-shot plunged onto the putting surface and was no more than 18 inches away from being a hole in one. Then he plotted his way carefully down the long 9th and holed his putt from five feet for his second birdie.

Putts of 12 and 15 feet went in on the 10th and 11th and now Montgomerie was four under par. He was given every encouragement. "You're not hot or anything, are you Colin?" a fan shouted. "Go on Colin, you're eating it [the course]," was another cry. His 25ft-putt for a birdie on the 12th shaved the hole, as did one from 15 feet on the 14th.

He holed from four feet on the 13th, though, to be five under par, and from 12 feet on the 16th. Now the course was at his mercy. Davis Love III and Phil Mickelson, his playing partners, could only stand and watch. Mickelson was all over the course. Love would hit an enormous drive with the metal woods he has just started to use and then waste it. Both finished ten strokes worse than Montgomerie, whose only mistake on the inward half came when he pushed a seven-iron into a greenside bunker on the 17th and, though he got out to within six feet, he missed the putt.

Montgomerie thrives on the conditions of the US Open, in which he finished third in 1992 and was only beaten in a playoff in 1994. "They are meat and drink to me," he said in practice this week. "I think it goes without saying that all US Open courses suit me. It is no secret I tend to drive the ball pretty straight and, therefore, can hit my irons from the fairway and have birdie putts. I love this form of golf." On the evidence of this round, it is easy to see why.

WIN McNAMEE

Montgomerie launches his drive at the 4th during his remarkable opening round at Congressional yesterday

EARLY SCORES

United States unless stated

65: C Montgomerie (GB)

70: M Brisky, H Irwin, C Perry, D Ogrin

71: S Cink, N Price (Zim), M Brooks, T Bjorn (Den)

72: C Rose, G Waite (NZ), J McGovern, T Watson, L Roberts, J Cook, M Reid

73: B Crenshaw, J Nicklaus, M Calcavecchia, M Hulbert, D Waldorf, F Funk, S Ames (Trin), R Cochran, J Haas

74: S Hart, A Coltart (GB)

75: D Hammond, K Green, F Couples, G Norman (Aus), D Love, P Mickelson, P McGinley (Ire), S Elkington (Aus), W Andrade, *C Wollmann, P Harrington (Ire)

76: I Woosnam (GB), Larry Rinker

77: L Silveira, M Bradley

79: C Strange, J D Blake

80: T Tryba

Withdrew: B Bryant

* denotes amateur

Jones puts blame on players as he quits Derbyshire

By Pat Gibson

DEAN JONES, the Derbyshire captain, has walked out of the club, leaving them at the bottom of the county championship and without an overseas player for the rest of the season.

The former Australia batsman accused senior players, who include Devon Malcolm, Dominic Cork, Phillip DeFreitas, Kim Barnett and Chris Adams, of failing to support him.

Mike Horton, the Derbyshire chairman, insisted, however, that those same players had tried to persuade Jones to stay during meetings aimed at resolving what he admitted was "an internal problem".

To understand the move it may be necessary to recall that Jones's nickname in the Australia sides that he played for was "Legend", an ironic reference to the high regard he had for himself.

It was inevitable that Jones, who fell out with the Australia selectors after they had picked him for 52 Tests and then ran into similar trouble with his own state, would ruffle a few feathers in the Derbyshire dressing-room. They were easily smoothed last year, when Derbyshire finished second in the championship, but this season things have been different.

There was the Cork situation, for a start. Apparently Jones was not altogether convinced that the England all-rounder's groin injury was as serious as it turned out to be yesterday, when it was revealed that he will undergo an operation on Tuesday that will keep him out of the entire Ashes series.

"Over the past month," Jones said in a statement, "a few senior players have failed to give me any support in my endeavours to carry on the Derbyshire success from last year. The players have great difficulty in coming to terms with the fundamentals that bring success."

It was a sad day for Horton, who was instrumental in bringing Jones to Derby, but he had no regrets. "I am very happy with what he has done for Derbyshire and the club do not bear him any malice," he said. DeFreitas has taken over the captaincy on a temporary basis.

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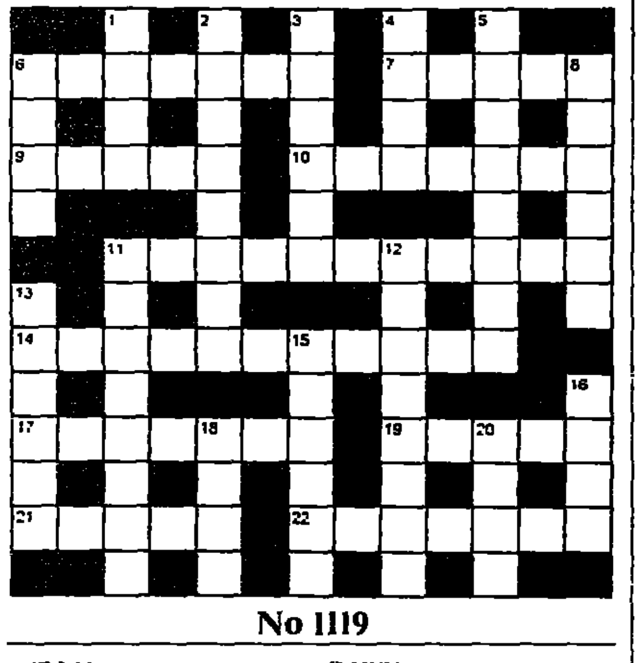

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6 Get one's way (7)
7 Open, sandy land (5)
9 Unsociable person (5)
10 More fat, uncivilised (7)
11 Stub (of ticket) (11)
14 Deserted (11)
17 Swallow: checker (US) (7)
19 Cornish cathedral town (5)
21 Of the country (5)
22 Thug, gangster (7)

DOWN
1 Head of cathedral chapter (4)
2 Wagner festival town (5)
3 Insult: thin (6)
4 US prairie state, river (4)
5 Secret phrase for access (8)
6 Fruit flesh: material for paper (4)
8 Hastings loser (6)
11 Mediaeval knightly code (8)
12 A spinning (round axis) (8)
13 To separate (6)
15 Spiteful (6)
16 Froth (4)
18 Girl's name: spirit measure (4)
20 Ill-favoured (4)

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Henman's challenge is terminated by German

By Julian Muscat, Tennis Correspondent

TIM HENMAN came out on the wrong side of an absorbing encounter with Jens Knippschild at the Stella Artois championships, the German triumphing in straight sets yesterday to shatter Henman's hopes for a successful pre-Wimbledon sequence.

Right from the start the little-known Knippschild, ranked No 105 in the world, made an ominous sight at Queen's Club, west London. At 6ft 3in and powerfully built, his hair streaked with peroxide, he might have arrived on court from the cast of the movie, *Terminator*. He duly severed Henman's tenuous grip on these championships, in the process extolling the virtues of grass-court tennis. All this from a man embracing the surface for the first time in six years.

Henman could have no complaints and he offered none in the aftermath to his 7-6, 6-3 reverse. "I started very well but he came back into the match," he said. "In the end I lost to a guy playing better than me." However, Henman insisted that he was untroubled by his poor form so close to Wimbledon, where he reached the quarter-finals 12 months ago.

"I've done my usual: I won one match at Queen's," he said in reference to his decidedly ordinary record at this venue. "There is no reason to start hitting the panic button. I just need to play more matches." Henman confirmed that he would take his chance in the Nottingham Open, which starts on Monday.

Having broken Knippschild in the third game of the match, Henman squandered the edge when twice double-faulting to concede the eighth game. At 5-4 in the ensuing tie-break, two good service points from the No 4 seed would have wrapped up the set but it was Knippschild who rose to the challenge. A finely angled volley took him to the brink: a thumping winning service took Henman beyond redemption.

The setback so shook Henman's foundations that he was quickly broken, snatching at a high but routine volley to concede the third game of the second set. The British No 1 responded immediately by fashioning two break points, only for Knippschild, clearly gaining in stature, to avert the crisis in exchanges of rare quality.

Henman: double faults

This marked the crux of the match and Henman was found wanting. He completed an ignominious afternoon when two consecutive double faults — a familiar refrain yesterday — saw him broken to love in the final game.

Knippschild, 23, was generous in the wake of his biggest victory. "I think Tim didn't play that well," he said. "I played my best at the start of the second set and Tim was furstrated when serving at 5-3. The conditions were difficult. It was windly and cold and I adapted the better."

Martin Lee has enjoyed two glorious victories against higher-ranked opponents but his run was abruptly halted yesterday by Goran Ivanisevic, the No 3 seed from Croatia. Once again the Sussex-based youngster suffered from early nerves but once again he rallied to make a contest of the second set, before succumbing 6-1, 7-5 to Ivanisevic's superior weight of shot.

"I found his serve virtually impossible to return," Lee, ranked No 500, said. "Half the time I never knew where it was going." Ivanisevic, who struck 17 aces in ten service games, won all but one of the 29 first services he landed through the match.

It was not all doom for the home contingent. Greg Rusedski, seeded No 16, looked transformed from the man who struggled on Wednesday night when he beat Scott Draper, of Australia, in straight sets. Rusedski now meets Patrick Rafter, the Australian seeded ninth, for a place in the semi-finals.

☐ Venus Williams, the American teenager, has rejected a wild card into the Direct Line championships at Eastbourne next week in favour of competing in the qualifying event of the same tournament. Williams wants to gain extra grass-court practice before Wimbledon.

Funding angers athletes

By John Goodbody

THE funding of Great Britain's sportsmen and women through the National Lottery was in turmoil yesterday, with Janine Whitlock, the No 1 pole vaulter, threatening to retire because of the shortfall in her desired grant. The chaos caused by having the English, Scottish and Welsh Sports Councils distributing money has brought anomalies in the allocation of funds.

With many national governing bodies yet to sign agreements with the English Sports Council, the £9 million earmarked last month for the development of their competitors has still to be distributed.

Ian Mackie, an unemployed athlete who last August became the first Briton for ten years to defeat Linford Christie over 100 metres, yesterday described the system as a "farce", while Phylis Smith, the 400 metres runner, has withdrawn from the European Cup team in protest over her lottery offer of £2,000.

Whitlock has been told that she will receive £2,491 a year, in the week that she has been given notice to quit her £70-a-week flat because of rent arrears and told that her job-seeker's allowance of £73.60 a fortnight will be halted because she is not available for full-time work.

Mackie is an elite athlete and so is being funded by the English Sports Council, although he is Scottish. He is receiving £3,950. Yet Kenny and Elinor Middlemiss, employed badminton players, are receiving £59,634 between them from the Scottish Sports Council, which is supporting them because badminton is a Commonwealth Games sport.

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